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he parents of an 18-month-old boy who will die without a liver transplant won

the backing of three appeal court judges yesterday for their decision not to subject him to the operation.

The judges described their decision as "desper-ately difficult" but upheld the right of the parents, health care professionals with experience of seri-

what was best for their son. The boy was born in April 1995 with a life-threatening liver defect. His mother, aged 27, joined his father, 32, who had taken a job abroad, coinci-

dentally just before a liver became available for trans-plant. After she refused to bring the child back for the operation, the local social services department won a High Court ruling ordering her to bring him home. Jacinta Peake, the moth-

er's solicitor, said she was

'enormously relieved" that her appeal against the order had been upheld. "She has been under enor-mous stress. She has asked

for time to consider her po-sition in its entirety." An injunction bans identification of the parents, their son, the country they live in, the hospital and doctors involved, and the council which took the case to court A spokesman for the Offi-cial Solicitor, who repre-sented the child, said "care-

ful consideration" would

be given to the possibility | tion and infections, during of asking the House of | which they take immuno-Lords to hear the case after the three judges refused leave to appeal. Without the transplant,

the child has been given a maximum 18 months to live. But his parents believe he would suffer months of pain after an operation from which he might not survive, or which would sarily prolong his

not necessarily protong ms life. Children given liver transplants undergo a long, complicated operation fol-lowed by episodes of rejec-

sider whether to return to Britain for further medical suppressive drugs. But of 200 children who had liver

transplants at the Chil-dren's Hospital, Birmingham, 80 per cent were alive five years later. Lady Justice Butler-Sloss

said in her judgment: "I be-lieve the best interests of this child require that his future treatment should be left in the hands of his de-voted parents." But she said once the "pressure of litigation" is over, the narents may want to recon- do in such a situation?"

assments of their child. Lord Justice Walte said the case posed a great di-lemma for the court, as it did to Mr Justice Connell in the High Court when he or-dered the mother home.

Doctors of the "highest expertise" unanimously recommended the treat-ment, saying it involved a the child patient cannot take for himself". Lord Justice Roch said: "minor level of risk" which was well worth taking in the child's long-term interests. "What is the court to

dence stressed that if the boy did not have a liver Lord Justice Waite said courts were compelled, acting as a judicial parent, to transplant he would die substitute the judge's views over those of natural within months, and that there were good prospects parents — "even in a case where the views are supfor a favourable outcome to an operation, he said. But ported by qualities of devo-tion, commitment, love and because of their training the parents were "uniquely reason". These "lonely and well-qualified" to make the worrying" choices fell on judges who must make "the momentous decision which decision, and it could not be said it was unreasonable. Lady Justice Butler-Sloss

said the mother's attitude take for himself". Lord Justice Roch said: "This is a desperately diffi-cult case." The medical evi-



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'Ghostbuster' was bought off with holidays and a prostitute, court told

Dan Atkinson

HE Inland Revenue's top "ghostbuster" was corrupted by the tax-evading phantoms he was supposed to be nailing, accepting bribes including the services of a prostitute, free Concorde tickets and a cruise to Bermuda, the Old Bailey neard yesterday. Michael Allcock repaid

Michael Allcock repaid these favours by making gen-erons tax settlements with his paymasters and shielding bome. He educated his son

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privately, threw extravagant parties and always had momey to spend." He ex-plained this by saying his wife had inherited and his father gave him money, the court here in the set of the s them from inquiry, the court

court heard. Mr Allcock had been "bought off", Mr Black added, as a result of which the lu-land Revenue had lost hubdreds of thousands of pounds in tax. Mr Black was speaking on the first day of the trial. Mr Allcock had, until his Mr Ancock nad, until his suspension in September 1992, been one of the most respected of Inland Revenne special officers, famed for his ability to extract back-tax from the wealthy. He worked and in five years of bribe-tak-ing banked £155,000 in cash. Mr Black said: "He lived

for an office that specialised

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Colchester, Esser, denies 12 charges of accepting bribes between June 1987 and Octo-ber 1992. His co-defendants, oil consultant Hisham Alwan, aged 56, and businessman David

Shamoon, aged 66, from West Kensington, London, deny offering bribes. Three other men are also named as having bribed Mr Allcock.

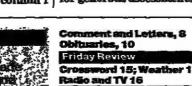
Counts one to six relate to Mr Alwan, from Knights-bridge, central London, with whom Mr Allcock settled back-tax in 1986 for £120,000.

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Corrigan, then a prostitute. Mr Alwan "paid for her to spend the night with Mr All-cock, "Mr Allcock then saw Miss Corrigan regularly". She became his mistress, and Mr Alwan paid for hotel bills

for the couple, the prosecu-tion said. Counts seven and eight relate to Mr Allcock and a man who cannot be named for

legal reasons. Mr X was a man whose wealth Mr All-cock likened to that of a bilturn to page 3, column 1

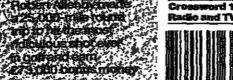


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Michael Allcock ... 'repaid for generous asses



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was told: ."This is a case of corrup-tion, of a public official taking tion, of a public onicial taking bribes on a scale that ... was quite breathtaking." said John Black, prosecuting. Mr Allcock, he claimed, show-ered gifts on his mistress, ho-lidayed at the finest hotels,

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Sketch **Rifkind's lesson** goes up the pole



Simon Hoggart

HUNDRED years ago, when a British foreign ecretary thundered, the world shook. Even 50 years ago, as Leo Abse records in his new book — otherwise a vi-clous personal tirade against Tony Blair - Herbert Morrison could make a majestically boring speech, and expect to hear it repeated in full on the

Now it's more like a civics class. No wonder only 14 Labour backbenchers were in place to hear Malcolm Rifkind's swift tour d'horizon if it's 3.17pm, it must be the Falklands

This is the view not from King Charles Street but from the plenary session of a Conference on World Co-operation and Intercommunal Development, held somewhere agree ably mountainous with individual in-room saunas.

"The bi-polar world is now behind us." said Mr Rifkind. "What we have now is a multi-

polar world." How can you have a multipolar world? I suppose he meant the north and south poles, the hitherto undiscovered east and west poles, the greasy pole, and the bargepole which defines the distance Mr Rifkind and his opposite number plus long-time enemy Robin Cook try to keep away from each other.

The Foreign Secretary was in philosophical mood. He couldn't agree with the Amer ican academic that we had reached "the end of history". Instead he took the view that when one door shuts another slams in your face".

This opinion is emphati-cally not shared by many Tory rightwingers, who believe that the Pax Britannica still rules, or at least rules most people with dusky skins. Nicholas Winterton de-

manded to know "what the British government is going to do to solve the severe and growing refugee problem in Bhutan and Nepal". One expected Mr Winterton to de-mand that the Foreign Secretary send a gunboat. Nepal and Bhutan are both land-locked, and we probably have no gunboats left, but these are minor details to a visionary like Mr Winterton. As for the Foreign Secre-tary, he reflected sadly that "I cannot claim that the United Kingdom can directly make a major impact on that

Soon afterwards Mr Rifkind said that the time had come to stop referring to countries such as Ukraine as "part of the former Soviet Union

After all, we did not refer to the United States as "part of the former British Empire". "Shame!" said Mr Winter-ton (though to be fair, he was

grinning at the time). Sir Peter Tapsell intervened to say that we should not take advantage of the present Rus-sian weakness. We had made this mistake in 1939, when we had let down the people of Poland. They had never forgiven us. Clearly this could prove

vital. In the new multi-polar world we inhabit, Poland is a multi-polar country. We visited a few more world

trouble spots where there was not a whole lot we could do, including Cyprus, Bosnia and the Middle East.

Mr Rifkind regretted the recent words of the Chinese foreign minister, who made it clear that freedom of speech in Hong Kong next year would not include freedom to criticise Chinese ministers. We had an "ethical responsibility" to help the people of

Hong Kong. Ethics and morals are this week's hot words in British politics. I suspect that they translate as: "We have an absolute duty to wring our

hands about the way things are going." By the time Mr Rifkind had sat down, the number of

Labour backbenchers had rocketed to 15, but the Tories had fallen back to 10. Mr Cook gave his usual excellent speech, dotted with good jokes, like sultanas. I hadn't realised that the attempt to force the EU to agree with us on beef, the Policy Of Non-Cooperation With Europe, is

known to the Foreign Office a "Ponce". But it seems very appropriate.



The Ridings, where 35 teachers are heading towards a strike over pupil indiscipline. Gillian Shephard said the higger problem was exam under-performance.

School faces 'hit squad'

Shephard may order takeover

John Carvel Education Editor

possible wrangling between

Halifax

the staff, the local authority and government officials be-fore ministers are legally entitled to take over.

Mrs Shephard said she was HE Government taking the exceptional step of ordering an emergency in-spection next week. A high-powered team from the Office yesterday set the scene for a winter of discontent at the Ridings school in when Gillian Sheor Standards in Education phard, the Education and Em-ployment Secretary, threat-ened to seize control from the will examine the allegations of disciplinary anarchy made by Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National local authority unless it rapidly commits itself to a plan Association of Schoolmasters for raising standards. and Union of Women Teach-As 35 of the 40 teachers ers, whose members want head towards strike action next month, parents of the 600 about 10 per cent of pupils expelled. She said the indiscipline pupils face several months of

phard within days. Under strict statutory time symptom of bigimits, the school will then

had to act.

ger problems" including seri-ous under-performance in exams. In 1995 1 per cent of GCSE pupils achieved the tar-will have 10 days to respond. get of five passes at grade C or above and last year this im-proved to only 7 per cent. "We cannot tolerate — and If the Government and school inspectorate approve, this will form the basis for

recovery. If not, Mrs Shephard made it clear she was prepared to send in a squad to take con-trol of the school. Manage-ment would be transerred to an education according to nor can parents or the wider public tolerate — a situation where a school is allowed to disintegrate." she said. It was 'curious" that the local eduan education association sim-llar to the team which took cation authority had not acted already, but if problems over Hackney Downs school in east London last year. Offi-cials indicated last night that like this were not sorted out at local level, the Government Mike Tomlinson, Ofsted's if the worst came to the worst, director of education, said a small team would move into this could happen with minimum consultation In

the school next week to audit January The timetable was compliits management, the quality of teaching, behaviour and provision for children with cated by Mr de Gruchy's threat of industrial action special needs. He would from mid-November unless report verbally to Mrs Shethe school immediately excludes "impossibly disruptive and violent elements". He de-nied that the union had a hit

Countdown

October 28: Emer-

gency inspection starts, possibly delist of 61 children, since the eventual number could be more or less. But at least 20 pupils had been "dumped" on the Ridings after being ex-cluded from other schools. "It would be a surprise if the figure of expulsions were fewer than 20," he said. Calderdale council agreed

last night to co-operate fully with the inspection team. Ka-ren Stansfield, headteacher at the Ridings, will not be returning to the school when it re-opens after the half-term break on Monday and prepa-rations were being made to draft in the head of another Calderdale school on temporary attachment.

The designated temporary head is on holiday and cannot be contacted to be told his assignment. While Ofsted was planning to delay the inspection until he arrives, the authorities in Calderdale did not expect him to move across until after the inspectors left.

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Alice Mahon, Labour MP for Halifax, intervened at the end of Mrs Shephard's news briefing to defend Calderdale council. "The Secretary of State should hang her head in share. The Concentives shame. The Conservatives say you can't throw money at a problem, but they have thrown money at grant main-tained schools in Halifax."

The Guardian Friday October 25 1996

The Ridings school had been left with inadequate resources to handle the pupils who could not get in else-where. "This isn't about choice, this is about divisive Conservative education policies," she said. Mrs Shephard said: "There

are a whole lot of schools in similar situations that achieve far, far better exam results. It's no good blaming the circumstances a school is in. Good work can be achieved at any school with good leadership and the right targeting of resources by the local authority."

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First night

Just lie back and think of Elvis

Caroline Sullivan

....................... Smokey Joe's Cafe — The Songs of Leiber and Stoller Prince Of Wales Theatre

HIS revue could just as easily have been entitled Without Whom, because if Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller hadn't existed, rock 'n roll might not have, either. In 1956, these wisecracking songwriters succeeded in irredeemably corrupting American youth, their weapons Elvis Presley and a tune called Hound Dog. There followed a 15-year string of hits like Jailhouse Rock, On Broadway and Stand By Me, three fragments of one of American music's classic catalogues. When they appeared on stage for the finale last night. the standing ovation was heartfelt. Now aged 63, they are semi-retired Not for them an 11th-hour renaissance like that of Burt Bacharach. They still cast a long shadow, not just over the conventions of pop but over the 40 numbers of this show.

Greatest-hits musicals are everywhere, most of them ex-actly like Smokey Joe's. Take one enthusiastic young cast, a costume designer (here William Ivey Long), some scaf-folding and you're in business. The audience know the songs, so provided the actors can sing there's no chance of failure

And the all-American cast, some of them from Smokey Joe's Broadway run, can sing, as well as shimmy. They're acting singers rather than singing actors, which suits a show where there's almost no acting. Whew - no pesky plot development or subtexts, just

Horsewomen will go to court lenging the right of the all-

lenge

Peter Hetherington

HE Equal Opportunities Commission yesterday backed two women fighting for the right to take part in an annual horse-riding festival in the Scottish Borders.

Factory workers Ashley reaching its decision, realised Simpson and Mandy Graham were given £2,500 to take their it had significant implications, particularly in respect of traditional attitudes to claim of sexual discrimination to court. women's full participation in The two will serve writs chalall spheres of life."

a glut of glowing pop tunes. Even before the opening Neighborhood panted to a halt, you were lying back and happily submitting. The numbers are paraded

with no dialogue and barely a pause. But you don't even have to dream up your own imagery; it's all done for you. Initially, the minimalism eems too inadequate to celebrate something as labyrin-thine as rock. There's no attempt at chronology, or biography — we're left no wiser about Leiber and Stoller as people. Eventually, however, it falls into place - most songwriters have dull lives, so why not just play the songs? It also provided time to ponder the relationship between Afri-can American artists of the 1950s and the white men who supplied their material. The mainly black cast seem to recreate that era, clowning it up in an uncomfortably minstrelish way. In the absence of speech, every gesture has had to be exaggerated, but it's rather stunning to see black men playing amiable fools this

late in the century. That said, every singer was wonderful, and little Victor Trent Cook and well-upholstered Miss BJ Crosby, very wonderful. Director Jerry Zaks teams them up on sever occasions, presumably for comic visual effect, but their vocal rapport is magical rather than comical.

Still, good and approachable as the cast were, they were ultimately vehicles for the music. That much was proved by the madness reserved for Leiber and Stoller's walk-on at the end. This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

male Hawick Common Riding

Committee to exclude them

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the boundaries of the town. The EOC said: "The chal-

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Expelled pupil Jamie Griffiths, 15, with his mother Sheridan Walton. NASUWT teachers say up to 10 per cent of the school's pupils should be dismissed

layed a few days while school finds new head.

October 29: NASUWT strike ballot ends.

November 4: Inspectors report verbally to Mrs Shephard.

November 12: First possible date for strike action.

Mid-November: Mrs Shephard gives school 40 days to draw up action plan.

End December: Calderdale gets 10 days to comment on plan.

Early January: Mrs Shephard either accepts plan, or proposes hit squad.

Mid-January: Two weeks' consultation on handing control to an "education association".

Hamilton ally joins sleaze inquiry

Former defence minister dislikes freedom of 'partisan' media

and indeed was forced to David Hencke Westminster Correspondent resign. I think it would have been much better if he stayed in there because ... we're

HE Government last coming under a tremendous night appointed a strong supporter of disgraced amount of slur and innuendo by partisan members of the media to try and get rid of ministers. Somebody has got to stand up and fight this and the to the mark of the total disformer minister Neil Hamilton and a flerce critic of the freedom of the press to sit in judgment on the cash for I think we're all very glad indeed that Jonathan Aitken is Sir Archibald Hamilton - a former defence minister who doing that. It would have been very good if Neil Hamilton had been able to do the

also opposed the reforms of Lord Nolan forcing MPs to desame. clare their salaries from con-Sir Archie joins the com-

sultancies and directorships - joins the Commons Stan mittee with the veteran Ernie Ross, Labour MP for Dundee West, after two MPs - Doug Hoyle, Labour MP for Wardards and Privileges Committee, just as it about to decide on whether to open its hearrington North, and Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith -Last year Sir Archie gave a

resigned because they were connected with the cash for robust defence on BBC Radio i of Mr Hamilton and Jonaquestions affair. than Aitken, both of whom The Labour front bench

resigned ministerial jobs to was not officially comment-ing last night. But Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsue the Guardian. He told the BBC on April 11. 1995: "I thought it was very regrettable that Neil Hamilsend, speaking as a constitu-ency MP, said: "His appointton felt it necessary to resign | ment does not seem a good | Touche on 21 February.

start for a committee which desperately needs to convince the public that it will be open. SAS major and one-time Tory din is David Walker, a former SAS major and one-time Tory councillor. With the help of fair and impartial." Sir Archie has a number of lobbying from Sir Archie, Mr parliamentary consultancies Walker has met Foreign Office officials in an effort to which be has declared in full. He is also a privy counsellor and MP for Epsom and Ewell. He is a director of seven obtain contracts for protecting British diplomats and embassies.

Labour pledged yesterday companies, including Saladin Holdings, a security company, three Far East investment to repeal the law that allowed Neil Hamilton to waive his parliamentary privilege to The companies' most recent sue the Guardian over the records show that Sir Archie cash for questions scandal. Lord Richard, the Labour

was paid up to £5,000 from Saladin, up to £5,000 from both Siam Selective Growth Leader of the Lords, called for a parliamentary inquiry into the recent reform of the 300and the First Philippine Investment Trust, and up to year-old Bill of Rights, £1,000 from Woodgate Farms

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John Beckwith CBE

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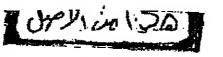
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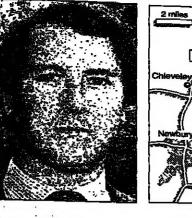
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You want to drive a car along your own driveway? Certainly — that will be £50,000 payable to the lord of the manor

Vivek Chaudhary

HE LORD of the manor and his uppity serfs are to lock horns in the High Court over a land dispute that has cost the vil-lagers of Bucklebury, Berkshire, thousands of pounds for the privilege of parking in their own driveways.

The dispute between millionaire landowner Willie Hartley Russell and the residents of Bucklebury stems from an attempt by Mr Rus-sell to use a mediaeval ruling which allows him to charge residents for cross ing narrow strips of land that lead to their homes.

only their ampt; those who have constructed driveways have been charged between 25,000 to £50,000. Up to 150 homes could face hefty bills. The council claims Mr

Hartley Russell, a Newbury district Tory councillor, has no right to charge resi-dents for crossing his land because under a 1929 agree-ment they are responsible for managing parts of the land, which includes Buck-

lebury Common.

So far, those who have in this village just want nly pedestrian access to this whole thing sorted out. bein homes have been ex- "I don't know why he's

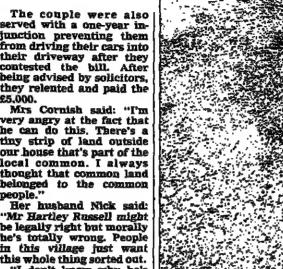
derly couple used their life savings to pay for the right of access to their home before they eventually sold it That has not prevented and moved out. "He's not to

junction preventing them from driving their cars into their driveway after they contested the bill. After being advised by solicitors, they relented and paid the £5.000. Mrs Cornish said: "I'm

very angry at the fact that he can do this. There's a tiny strip of land outside our house that's part of the local common. I always thought that common land belonged to the common people." Her husband Nick said:

"Mr Hartley Russell might be legally right but morally he's totally wrong. People doing this. It's all a bit out of date now and you would have thought that this type of behaviour was a thing of

the past." Abother resident was charged a staggering £50,000 for the privilege of using his 100-yard driveway. According to locals, an el-



Ene Cornish and the strip of land which Willie Hartley Russell, top, charged her £5,000 to cross

Dr Tim Smith, who paid 35, a flamboyant socialite £25,000 so that he could who lives in a manor house drive across a small strip of near Bucklebury is said to land and park in the front enjoy skiing and hunting. of his house said: "Having He inherited the estate,

the dispute to the High Court was announced on Wednesday night he said: "I am delighted the matter

After the decision to take

from Newbury district council.

Deputy leader Tony Fer-

CJD fears raised by new cases

Alan Watkins and Owen Bowcott

vesterday.

was monitoring a handful of suspected cases. "It's a small number, less than five, but it is difficult to assess these further cases,"

T LEAST four fur-ther suspected cases of the new variant of Creutzfeldt Jakob he said.

"The next year or two will be critical. If the disease has a long incubation period you could be looking at thousands Disease are being monitored by government research tentists, it was disclosed of cases. Fears that the increase could foreshadow a sharp rise

A policy of secrecy appears to have been adopted by the Department of Health concould foreshadow a sharp rise in the incidence of the disease — of which 14 cases have been confirmed already — came as it was disclosed that the relatives of one victim have been granted legal aid to sue the Government. Most of the applications from solicitors representing victims' families have been cerning the ages of potential victims.

Among suspected cases known to either the CJD sur-veillance unit or victims' sup-port groups are understood to be a 15-year-old girl from Glasgow, two women between 20 and 30, a woman in her late 30c and a man aged a 25 His 30s and a man aged 35. His condition is said to be deteriorating rapidly. He appears to be a classic case of the new variant with the onset of the disease being signalled by psychiatric disturbance and profound mood and personal-

don area. The Agriculture Secretary,

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no help in this matter. We can

The funding will allow law-yers to explore the possibility of suing for negligence over the way in which the authority changes. ties handled the BSE There are other potential but unconfirmed victims. A woman who recently gave birth has complained of epidemic in cattle and the related disease — known as nvCJD — in humans. birth has complained of symptoms which indicate the possibility of CJD but tests have so far proved inconclu-sive. There is also mystery surrounding a woman of 42 who died recently in the Lon-don area With clinical knowledge of

the symptoms of nvCJD restricted to relatively few specialists, there is contro-versy over the diagnosis of new cases. Confirmation can be made only afte: death or by biopsy of brain tissue taken from a living sufferer.

victims' families have been rejected. In one case, how-ever, the Legal Aid Board has issued a certificate for prelim-

nary legal investigations.

Douglas Hogg, yesterday defended his department's Of the 14 confirmed cases two are still alive. One recent closed that he had taken legal advice. "Anyone suing us case involved a 16-year-old London girl of Turkish-Cyp-riot origins. Another is a 51year-old man from near Bir-mingham who died several culpable and prove negli-gence," he said, "Hindsight is weeks ago.

Dr James Ironside, the neuropathologist in charge of show what we did at the time was reasonable." the Government's CJD sur-veillance laboratory in Edin-Rescue plan for farme burgh, yesterday said his unit | page 4

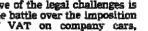
VAT man faces £200m payback

Mark Milner and Julie Wolf

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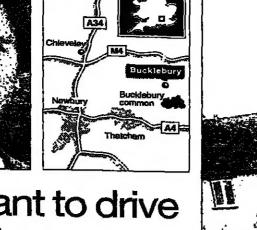
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Hogg says that Whitehall team will devise contingency scheme for retraining worst-hit victims to grow crops or move to other work

Crisis plan to get farmers out of beef

Wide-ranging restructuring 'is inevitable'

Paul Brown, Owen Bowcott

RMERS hit by the beef crisis may be retrained to grow crops or move into different jobs under

contingency plans being prepared by the Government Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, said yesterday. Grassland farmers, espe-

cially in the West Country and the Welsh and Scottish borders, are heavily dependent on income from beef cattle. Mr Hogg said a far-reaching restructuring of the industry to cope with BSE

was inevitable. Subsidies being paid to farmers were to ease them through the crisis, but a new beef industry based on natural farming methods, with an-imals traceable from birth to the table, was essential.

Just how much smaller the industry would be had still to d, but it had been be asse acknowledged in Brussels that there would have to be substantial change.

Tim Boswell, junior agri-culture minister, said the contingency planning team, in-cluding Department of Social Security officials, would assess the affect of the crisis on employment and the need for retraining.

Welfare arrangements for communities that had lost much of their long-term revenue were being considered. Mr Hogg rejected demands

the European Commission

and the farming industry for a further selective cull of herds which have suffered BSE outbreaks. He said scientific evidence indicated that this would not eradicate the disease any faster.

But reacting to a new study showing the link between BSE and the new human variant of CJD to be a virtual cer tainty, the commission said the Government should abide by the agreement reached at the Florence EU summit in June to cull up to 130,000 additional cattle from known BSE-infected herds.

Commission officials maintained that the new findings proved the EU had been right to placate nervous consu by imposing an export ban on British beef last March.

They warned that any hope of getting the ban lifted de pended on Britain's agreeing to a more extensive cull to eradicate the disease more quickly.

Franz Fischler, the Agricul ture Commissioner, told a meeting in Paris: "What the British scientists have discovered shows how serious the crisis is." Sir David Naish, president

of the National Farmers Union, continued to lash out at Mr Hogg over his handling of the crisis He said he "remained

ingered at the extent of the mismanagement and stupid delays by the Government prevent hardship. during this whole catastrophic affair. Farmers and their families had suffered personally because of this



Head on the block . . . As new research confirms link between BSE and new form of CJD in humans, pressure from Brussels grows for UK to extend its cattle cull photograph consider

He slaughter scheme, which has left farmers with around 400.000 unwanted cattle to called for further subsidies to feed at the start of winter. Shortage of rendering capacity has meant that only Mr Hogg said the Govern-ment had allocated another 25,000 carcases can be pro £16.6 million to speed up the cessed a week.

The extra money would pay for surplus carcases to be kept in cold storage until they could be rendered down. Mr Hogg said 45,000 animals had been killed last week, and he hoped a further 55,000 would be destroyed next week.

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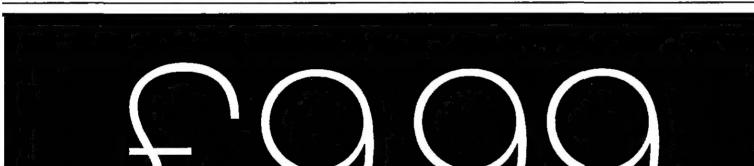
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Refrigerator ships have been among the storage sug-gestions, and yesterday officials said there was a possibility of mooring two in Belfast Loch. One of the main complaints

of farmers is that some have

been waiting since the crisis broke on March 20 for abat-toir space to get rid of their cattle. To avoid the "skuldugserv" of queue jumping at markets and abattoirs, the government has introduced a registration scheme. Farmers

have until November 2 to register and get in the queue. As many as 125 new cases of BSE among cattle are still being diagnos ed every week At the height of the outbreak in 1992 it reached an avera of 705.



Drunken sailor at 33,000ft

David Sharrock on a mid-air drama that provided RUC chief's last case



Sir Hugh Annesley: took high-level action

stable of the RUC.

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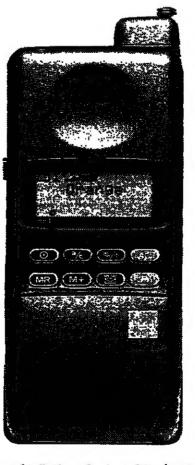
Denis Maloney, defending, said that Mr Ireland had since vritten to crew, apologising for his con-duct. I have conveyed his per-sonal regret to the Chief Constable," he assured the court. Outlining Mr Ireland's fear of flying, the solicitor said: "He now realises the dreadful consequences which could have followed his actions. "This is not some brash, loud thug. This is somebody who made a mistake. The drink was in and the wit was out.' Magistrate Mervyn Bates said: "Here was a man who, under the influence of drink, refused to obey the command of the captain, cabin staff and even the RUC Chief Consta-The captain had to leave the flight deck to speak to him, all to no avail. He was remonstrated with by other passen-gers, including the Chief Conble." He fined Mr Ireland £600 "As the plane came in to land, Ireland refused to fasten with a three-month jail sentence, suspended for two his seat belt. Instead he stood vears "He won't do it again," promised Mr Ireland's solici-tor. Neither will Sir Hugh, whose days of regular com-At the airport, junior muting between his home in England and Northern breland are at an end. But maybe it wasn't such a bad end to a. chief constable's career.

dreadful scourge." referred particularly to the problem of hill farmers and



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T WAS the final crisis of his police career — in the most unexpected of places. Sir Hugh Annesley, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, had to step in and subdue a drunken pas-senger who was trying to open an aircraft cabin door 33,000ft above the Irish Sea. Seaman John Ireland hung

his head in shame yesterday as he stood in the dock of Belfast magistrates' court and listened to an account of how Sir Hugh who left his post as chief of Northern Ireland's police force last week, attempted to restore order on Jersey European

flight GY9070. Mr Ireland, of Belfast, was terrified of flying, the court heard. To calm his pre-flight nerves on October 2, he sought solace in a litre bottle up and remained standing while the plane landed." of Jack Daniels bourbon. By the time the shuttle flight was airborne. Mr Ireland was "very drunk", ac-cording to Inspector John An-

police officers were waiting to complete Sir Hugh's arrest. Mr Ireland punched one derson, prosecuting. of them and assaulted a secu-"He was shouting and rity guard. threatening other passe

After being charged Mr Iregers.

Police hunt for lorry driver who dumped hitch girl, 10

of their daughter, whom it was feared had been abducted Nick Varley after being spotted getting POLICE were last night hunting a lorry driver who picked up a 10-year-old girl hitchhiker and drove her 200 miles before dumping her into the lorry. A motorist, who had heard of the huge police hunt, recog-nised her and alerted officers. Inspector Nick Whitehouse of South Yorkshire police said at a motorway service station. Holly Naughton, of Doncasinquiries were continuing into why she was picked up ter, told a schoolfriend she was planning to go to Black-pool after an incident at and driven so far. "We would like to speak to the lorry driver to establish whether this was a journey school. But she fell asleep soon after climbing into the cab on the A1(M) near her home on that was undertaken naively. "Any motorist picking up a 10-year-old girl to keep her Wednesday evening. When she awoke yesterday morning and told the driver, a carpet dealer, that she was away from the danger of a mo-torway would normally take her to the nearest police running away from home, he

station or alert police." pulled into services on the M5 Holly's mother and a police officer were due to pick her up from Somerset police last He called her parents and told them of the whereabouts

Prostitutes beat **BT crackdown**

DROSTITUTES are receiving help to get round Brit-ish Telecom's crackdown on their telephone box advertising from an unexpected quar-ter — British Telecom, *invites* Stuart Millar.

The company planned to cut off any telephone num-bers found printed on the cards. But an embarrassed BT vesterday admitted that prostitutes were now selling their services using personalised 07000 numbers. These divert calls to any

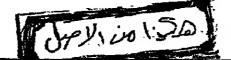
phone the subscriber wants, but the owner of the number cannot be traced by BT, because of data protection rules. Those wishing to take up

the service simply contact BT's information line, and an operator will put them in touch with a company supplying the 07000 numbers.

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in Somerset.

Simpson (who used to do the typing while Galton stared blankly or rolled on the floor seeking inspiration) has given up writing. Now he's president of Hampton Court football club - a role he plays with Ron Atkinson-like gusto. Stuart Jeffries meets the creators of Hancock Friday Review page 6



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Martin Wainwright on care-in-the-community deaths

Schizophrenic Anthony Smith . . . He was discharged from hospital and sent home, despite his father's warning that he was 'a ticking timebomb' PHOTOGRAFIE: DOUG MARKE

Anger at inquiry into sick killer

eration of medical staff by an official inquiry into the care-in-thecommunity treatment of a schizophrenic who murdered his mother and young step-brother in a frenzied attack with a knife and spiked base-

ball bat. The charity Sane and rela-tives of Anthony Smith, aged 25, who was committed to 25, who was committee to Rampton secure bospital after the killings in August last year, condemned the inqui-ry's view that no individuals were to blame in spite of "fail-ures and weaknesses" in med-ical supervision

ical supervision. The killings came four weeks after Smith was dis-charged from Derby City gen-eral hospital and sent home in spite of the alarm of his family. His father Peter, an accountant from Sandiacre, Derbyshire, who had warned that Anthony was "a ticking timebomb", yesterday de-scribed the conclusion as

scribed the conclusion as "codswallop". He is considering legal action over alleged failure of care, possibly in tandem with lawyers acting for his son, who is to see a solicitor at Rampton next week. Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of Sane, said: "I am truly shocked. All the warning signs were there and they were ignored. "Anthony Smith should "Anthony Smith should

have been sectioned under the Mental Health Act and given six months to stabilise his condition before being discharged. That he was sent back to his family against their wishes is quite unforgivable."

Inforgivable." The Southern Derbyshire mental health trust said that changes recommended in the plemented, but welcomed the lack of "serious blame" of in-dividuals. Andy Clayton, medical director, said: "Usu-Peter Smith, who sat through a press conference to launch the report, said: "They are not prepared to take res-ponsibility. They have glossed over everything and made it sound more like a clerical error than anything medical director, said: "Usu-

FATHER is consid-ering legal action long history of violence, but following the exon-occasionally, as in this case, they can occur with someone who appears to be doing well, with no clear warning." with ho clear warning." The five-strong inquiry team, headed by Sir John Wood, of Sheffield University, described how Smith had ap-peared "a pleasant and reasonably co-operative young man", but his father had warned doctors that his son kept weapons under his son kept weapons under his bed and refused to take his

bed and refused to take his prescribed drugs. He turned on his mother Gwendoline, aged 48, and his 11-year-old stepbrother David on the day that a letter ar-rived from the health author-ity confirming an appoint-ment with his consultant a month later.

warning signs. With hind-sight, there are many con-cerned who would have acted differently and will deeply regret their failure to do so. No serious blame, however, can be attached to any one

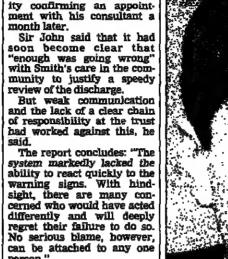
Derson. Smith admitted manslaughter on grounds of diminished responsibility at Nottingham crown court in March, and was sent to Rampton without limit of time. Peter Smith, who sat

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lacked the ability to react quickly to warning signs. With hindsight, there are many concerned who would have acted differently and will deeply regret their failure to do so. No serious blame, however, can be attached to any one person'

Smith's mother, Gwen, and stephrother. David, both killed in frenzied attacks with knife and spiked baseball bat

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The Guardian Friday October 25 1996

Blazing Islam leaves Koran in ashes

flattened by bombs. Others are shelled and rocketed to destruction. Neither fate is as shocking as death by fire. The killers move among the terrified people, torching and burning in full view of their victims.

'Everything is gone.' screamed Nazwar, a middleaged woman as her teenage daughter stood blankly behind her. "My grain is burn-lng. My house is burning. My life is burning. Please, please tell them not to attack civiljan areas.

The smell of charred wood hung in the air. Several doors dren perched on top, men hung from the sides. in the tall mud-brick walls along the winding village huge cloud of smoke which drifted over the Taliban and street showed signs of having been kicked in. Within the opposition alliance front lines intimate family comопсе pounds blackened roofbeams on Tuesday. lay in dust and rubble.

It was only yesterday, in a The fighting north of Kabul brief lull in the fighting, that

News in brief

OME villages are | since the Taliban seized the | outsiders could reach the | Afghan capital last month has killed and wounded scores of village.

At first sight it seemed deserted. But the car quickly at-tracted a crowd of wailing and hysterical people. All begged us to see what was left civilians. Bombs dropped from a Taliban plane left 20 people, mostly children, dead in the town of Kalakan yesterday. But no atrocity has been of their homes.

as cold-blooded as the collec-The most desperate was Khairuddin, a man of 55. He tive punishment which the ultra-fundamentalist Taliban lost his daughter and all three grandsons when a Taliban soldier fired a rocket from a militias inflicted on the ham-Only four of its 120 homes hill above the village shortly before the troops moved in.

are unscathed. Half a dozen lorries piled high with the Only one other villager died remains of people's livelihood lurched along the dirt road in in the atrocity. Khairuddin brought the veil his daughter was wearing when she died. He held up the the opposite direction as we drove in. Women and chil-

blood-stained blue garment and a pair of green plastic shoes. "I buried them all yes-terday." he said, half shout-The burning released a ing, half weeping.

In the atmosphere of grief, shock, despair, and anger it was hard at first to piece together what had happened.

JONATHAN STEELE meets the villagers of Sarchesma, burnt out by angry Taliban

As people slowly calmed | warned the villagers to report down, the story began to emerge The Taliban entered the village at the weekend. summoned everyone to the central square, and ordered them

to hand in their weapons. N ALMOST every rural Afghan home a gun is treated as an heirloom and a necessity. "People

said it was dangerous to give up their weapons," Khairuddin said, "The Taliban said: 'Don't worry. We are your security. We are your bodyguards'.".

Massoud people had sneaked in during the night. They When the guns were in during the night. They handed over, the Taliban fired on the Taliban from the

liban responded with the rocket attack which killed Khairuddin's family. After a our homes.' A younger neighbour, Natday of intermittent exchanges muddin, produced a metal bowl containing a pile of ash. the Massoud forces withdrew.

ETRIBUTION soon followed. Between any sign of Ahmed Shah Mas-soud's forces trying to infil-20 and 30 Taliban entered the village next morning. Sys-

trate Sarchesma. The villagtematically they poured peters are Tajiks, and it was rol on the houses and set highly likely that Commandthem ablaze. Nizamuddin, a er Massoud, the main Tajik leader and defence minister middle-aged farmer, showed in the ousted government, would try to move in. In recent days his forces have the pile of scarred and blackened grain in his storehouse. Recently harvested, it reprebeen spreading through the towns and villages west of the sented a large part of his income for the year. "Who's to blame for this?"

tion of Islamic sharia law.

main road north from Kabul. The Taliban returned to we asked. There was a long silence before a woman said: "We're poor. How can we their base on a hill outside Sarchesma. Early next mornknow? ing the villagers woke to find

"If we say, the Taliban will kill us," Nizamuddin chipped of her home. It was the familiar scene of charred beams, ruined grain, and mounds of in. "Are these good Mus-

shelter of the village. The Ta-liban responded with the "They are the best Muslims ing in Kabul four years ago, rocket attack which killed in the world, and they burn Unfortunately this fighting follows me everywhere," she

wept. Sajida said she had no relatives in Kabul to go to. For the past two nights the women of the village slept on the car-This is the Koran," he exclaimed, his voice rising with peted floor of the mosque. It outrage. One could just make out the edges of charred was one of the few buildings the Taliban spared. Sailda "Tyrants, tyrants," he

shouted, making it clear he meant the Taliban with their Close by several houses appeared to have been demuch-vaunted belief in the stroyed at a much earlier date. The tops of the smashed strictest possible interpreta-"This is the book of God.

of rain and snow. Nizamud-din said Sarchesma had been Why are you doing this? You an kill us, but don't burn our a mojahedin stronghold dur-ing the Soviet occupation and was repeatedly bombed and

"You know, we killed more uided us into the compound than 40 Russian soldiers here, but they never ever burned our village down.

said she was planning to spend a third night there.

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book. We pay honour to the ashes of the Koran. The Ko-ran is the book of God." rocketed by the Russians. Sajida, a 40-year-old widow,

Saudis question bomb suspects

SAUDI ARABIA has arrested 11 people in connection with the explosion which killed 19 Americans in United States military quarters in Damman in June, according to the Beirut daily al-Bayrak, which is close to Saudi official circles.

let of Sarchesma.

It said the Saudi authorities had "dismantled a sabotage network and arrested the saboteurs who planned or carried out the blast", adding that the detainees were being "interrogated minutely and in utmost secrecy". The interior minister, Prince Nayef bin Abdul-Aziz, was

awaiting the outcome of the investigation to name "the instiga-tors, their plans, the executors, parties that financed them from abroad, and the country that hosted their meetings," the paper added

It said the 11 were linked to "elements" involved in the explosion at the national guard headquarters in the Saudi capital Riyadh last November in which seven people, five of them American, died. Four Saudis who confessed to that explosion have been executed. — *Reuter, Beirut.*

High-seas cocaine coup

AN INTERNATIONAL drugs squad has claimed the biggest highseas cocaine seizure on record. Colonel Leornardo Gellego, chief of the Colombian anti-drugs police, said Colombian, Ecuadorian and United States agents found at least 7 tonnes of cocaine on a fishing boat bound for the Mexican port of Manzanillo. At least 4.5 tonnes and possibly 7 tonnes remained concealed, he believed. He said the shipment probably belonged to a new gang of

traffickers formed by survivors of the largely dismantled Medel-lin and Cali cartels. — *Reuter, Bogatá*.



Chirac pleads for Irad

PRESIDENT Jacques Chirac of France appealed to the United Nations yesterday to make good the agreement to let Iraq sell limited amounts of oil to buy food and medicine. He told the Jordanian parliament "France is alarmed at the humanitarian situation in Iraq, and calls solemnly on the international commu nity to apply at long last Resolution 986." - Reuter, Ammon.

Grounds for complaint



SPANISH undertakers clog central Madrid with hearses to press for the liberalisation of their business, hampered, they say, by local monopolies breaching the constitutional guarantee of "free circulation of people and goods through the national territory'. PHOTOGRAPH: PAUL WHITE

French guide to sex on TV

FRANCE'S main television channels have agreed to introduce onscreen symbols indicating the sex and violence content of films, documentaries and series. From November 18, a green circle will suggest that parental consent is advisable, an orange triangle will warn that the programme could upset young viewers, and a red square will mark "works of an erotic character or with a great deal of violence".

The agreement was promoted by the French broadcasting watchdog, the Conseil Superieur de L'Audiovisuel, whose spo woman said: "Cutting films is anathema in France. Even private channels are only allowed one advertising break during a feature film. This measure protects film-makers from censorship by the

channels and provides parents with an at-a-glance appraisal." A Socialist deputy. Ségolène Royal, said: "Not only does the system legitimise violent films, it publicises them." — Alex De Grutter Devices and the system of the s - Alex Duna Smith, Paris.

Poles approve abortion bill

THE Polish lower house of parliament voted yesterday to overthrow a senate veto and reinstate the bill it passed in August to liberalise the abortion laws, allowing pregnancies to be ended before the 12th week, but only after counselling and a period of reflection. — Reuter, Warsaw.



With the uproar came the accusation that the film I was making was actually about the present day. With an aid worker said. that, the real trouble began. Neil Jordan on Michael Collins

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Chris McGreal in Kigali

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of Rwandan troops. The president, Mobutu Sese Seko, convalescing in UTSI fighters were bearing down on the panic-stricken city of Switzerland after surgery for prostate cancer, called on Zaireans to defend their Bukavu in eastern Zaire last night as government troops continued to flee from a powerful week-long country, but his slackening offensive.

People are as The rapid advance of the Banyamulenge — Tutsis who have lived in the area for generations — raised the spectre of conflict conterrified of the army

as they are of the suming the whole of east-ern Zaire as Kinshasa Banyamulenge'

threw in more troops and again accosed Rwanda of invading. Hundreds of thousands of grip on power appears to have contributed to the cri-

Hutu refugees from Rwanda and Burundi were moving sis. Switzerland extended his visa yesterday, which suggests that he is more seriously ill than is being from their camps before the Banyamulenge advance. The exodus was swelled by admitted. Zairean civilians

Rwanda denies that its troops have crossed the bor-The United Nations which is preparing to evac-nate staff — warned of a der, saying Zaire is trying to distract world attention vast humanitarian crisis, from the persecution of the Banyamulenge by Rwandan Hutu refugees and the Zair-ean authorities. But Claude Dusaidi, politsaying there is only suffi-cient food to last three days

for those refugees who remain in camps. Delivery routes were cut off. ical advisor to General Banyamulenge fighters Paul Kagame, Rwanda's have taken at least three vice-president and the head towns in recent days and were reported to have of its army, said the government sympathised with the Banyamulenge cause. moved to within 10 miles of Bukavu, the capital of He he believed they

South Kivu province. would seize Bukavu and Zaire's army, which has put up little effective resiscarve out a safe area in the east as a prelude to de-manding negotiations with tance, said it was bringing

in heavy weapons to defend the government. the city. Planeloads of "But when you start a troops have arrived. war you never know where it will end. If the govern-"People are as terrified of what the army might do bement doesn't want to talk, fore it retreats as they are the sky's the limit. Maybe of the Banyamulenge. Most they'll reach Kinsbasa." of us expect a looting and Asked to explain the suckilling spree by the army," cess of Banyamulenge

fighters if they were not Zaire claimed to have receiving external help, Mr captured Rwandan sol-Dusaidi cited the poor qualdiers, saying it was eviity of the Zairean troops. dence that Rwanda had in-vaded in support of the A Banyamulenge spokes

man claimed that the fight Banyamulenge. Refugees wasbacked by a series of and Zairean troops fleeing rebel groups seeking auton-

into Bukavu also claimed omy for other parts of to have seen large numbers | Zaire. Shyam Bhatla in Amman

A villager shows the bloodstained veil and plastic shoes worn by his daughter when she and his three grandsons were killed by a Taliban rocket

The United States, Belgium and France have launched initiatives to contain the fighting. Belgium is acting as an intermediary between Zaire and its neighbours. France has revived its proposals for a regional conference. Mr Dusaidi is dismissive.

field near the Israeli border "The French want a and buried in a village garden regional conference. To do what? The problem is in north of Amman. The plot was uncovered by Zaire. They should ask chance last week when the Zaire why it kills its own citizens. The French want men put the mines into plas-tic bags and asked a taxi driver to take them to the cruto obfuscate things and direct attention from the sader fortress of Ailun, a pop-ular destination for Israeli real issues because their in-terests might be threat-

tourists. Another passenger, ened," he said. who was a serving army offi-cer, alerted a police patrol. Fighting has spilled back into Burundi. Three Hutu When the taxi was stopped rebels were killed in the police discovered 11 anti-tank border province of Cibitoke, and 14 anti-personnel mines. where the governor was as-

An explosives expert deto-

which the would-be assassins | would improve their lives, had tried to prise open.

Security officials in Am-man said Ikirmah Mahmoud, HREE Jordanians who stockpiled stolen army aged 28, Ali Mohammed, aged 26. and Abdel Rahim Ahmed. landmines and allegedly planned to blow up Israeli aged 27, were allegedly helped tourists have been arrested by an army lieutenant who had told them where the by King Hussein's security services. Twenty-five mines had been dug from a minemines were planted, and had instructed them on how to dig them out safely.

Some of the mines were then buried in Mr Mahmoud's garden. Others were stockpiled in a nearby cave. Relatives have described the three men, from the vil-lage of Hashimiya, as child-hood friends and Islamic ideologues opposed to King Hussein's peace treaty with Israel. "They are not mem-bers of any political group," Mr Mahmoud's father told police. "They consider them-selves good Muslims and good citizens. Perhaps they be-

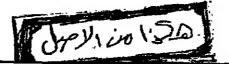
but two years after the peace treaty all they face is more poverty and unemployment.' Their frustration is shared

by an increasing number of Jordanians. The king recently warned a visiting Israeli politician that the ma-jority of Jordanians were now openly questioning the wisdom of befriending Israel.

Since the election of Binyamin Netanyahu as prime minister, in May, Jordanian-Israeli relations have deteriorated to a point where the king avoids meeting visiting Israeli officials. Mr Netanyahu's chief foreign policy ad-viser, Dore Gold, has been waiting several weeks for an appointment. Israel's ambasfor in Amman, Shimon Shamir, increasingly finds himself isolated and enveloped by a hostile atmosphere.



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she The Guardian Friday October 25 1996 **Vatican poised** for another UN

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OMAN Catholic anti-abortionists are exploitmonth's World Food Summit to try and reverse decisions reached at the United Nations' Cairo and Beijing conferences on population and women, the International Planned Parenthood Federa-tion said vastavlay tion said yesterday. The IPPF made its claim as

the Vatican publicly aligned itself with the Third World on a range of issues expected to figure prominently at the

Due to be held in Rome from November 13 to 17, the summit is the latest in a series of high-profile gather-ings organised by UN agen-cies to draw attention to global problems and reach broad agreement on how they should be tackled. Both the Cairo and Beijing conferences saw Vatican attempts to block wording they feared could le-

gitimise abortion. Sources close to the prepa-rations for the Rome summit said that this time the objections had been raised by Roman Catholic delegates sympathetic to the antiabortion lobby. They pointed in particular to Guatemala's representative, Mercedes

Ms Wilson, a friend of the former United States presi-dent, Ronald Reagan, played an influential role in Washington's adoption in 1984 of the so-called Mexico City pol-icy. This denied funds to international organisations seen as promoting abortion. The IPPF said yesterday that there was still no agreement on a paragraph in the Rome summit's draft Plan of Action which urged govern-ments to devise "appropriate

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

him "General Courage"

draw attention to them.

In Paris, they have stopped counting the cardboard boxes

with people inside. Gen Mor-illon, who is 61 today wants to

He said: "I want to be

among them - to be the per-

son who listens and advises,

not just a figurehead." Every

Tuesday he has lunch in a

soup kitchen near the Louvre.

he is backing the plans of a

priest he has known for 30 years to open a college in

central Paris where a dozen

young people will spend a year studying the Scriptures

and providing practical assis-

Gen Morillon said: "There

is a crisis of faith which is a

crisis of intelligence. Young

people are incapable of answering the basic ques-

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A devout Roman Catholic,

population policies, pro-grammes and family planning services to allow for respon-sible parenthood", as agreed in Cairo. The federation's in Cairo. The letteration's secretary-general. Ingar Bruegemann, said a "consen-sus on reproductive freedom and rights has been assailed by those who wish to keep women in the dark acce." women in the dark ages".

The link between hunger and population is one of sev-eral controversial issues to be debated next week when the final preparatory session is held to agree on the wording of the conference document. Several rich countries, led by the US, have objected to the phrase "right to food". They fear that making food a right

could make them liable to legal action by Third World countries in pursuit of aid or special trade provisions.

Yet the opening words of a document released by the Vatican yesterday unequivo-cally stated that the "right to food" was a fundamental principle.

The document, produced by the Vatican's "aid ministry", Cor Unum, also noted that aid from the richer countries came to a mere 0.33 per cent of their combined gross do-mestic product. This was less than half the target figure of 0.7 per cent of GDP fixed by the UN four years ago.

Cor Unum repeated the Vatican's long-standing criticism of the US embargoes on trade with Cuba and Iraq, saying such sanctions always hurt civilians most. The Vatican is set to annoy Washington even more when the summit takes place. Among those who have accepted an invitation from the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation is Fidel Castro. The Cuban leader is expected to be given a cordial reception at the Vatican during his stay in Rome.



Workers protesting at sick-pay reductions make their point with a mock sickbed outside the Thyssen steel mill in Duisburg-Hamborn yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: KAFL-HERZ KREFFLIS

lan Traynor in Welmar

last month abolished the long-standing provision of full-wage sick-pay, cutting it to 80 per cent. The move was NGINEERING workers downed tools in part of a broader package of cuts aimed at trimming next ightning strikes terday and marched in pro-test at the collapse of pay year's budget deficit to 3 per cent of gross domestic product, the key criterion for terday talks and at government-blessed plans to cut sick-pay. oining a single currency. However, attempts by com-panies such as Daimler-Benz From Bavaria in the south to cut sick-pay instantly, in breach of existing labour con-tracts, brought employees on to the Ruhr industrial region in the north-west, tens of thousands of trade unionists flexed their muscles in a one-day protest after three days of to the streets. In a few days of industrial strife, Daimler lost

tiations with the engimore money than it would have saved through the cuts and beat a retreat. Many other flagship firms such as neering employers' federation on 1997 pay levels ended in stalemate. "The mood is one of rage Siemens and Volkswagen

and disappointment," said a have agreed to keep sick-pay at 100 per cent in the interim. spokeswoman for the engi-neering union, IG Metall. The breakdown of the bar-gaining round on Wednesday Employers branded the

stoppages illegal and said the strikers were only hurting may signal a winter of con-frontation in Germany, dovethemselves as the protests would lead to more job losses tailing with worker unrest in France and elsewhere in Europe as governments slash budgets in a scramble to pass at a time of record unemployment in Germany. the single currency test next

In the Ruhr, about 10,000 steelworkers rallied in front of the gates of their plant, and year. Industry leaders insist that tens of thousands more dem-onstrated at Mercedes-Benz in Stuttgart and elsewhere. world - need to come down With Chancellor Helmut to aid international competi-Rohl determined to get Ger-

tiveness and that the sick-pay many fit for a single Euroreduction would save about pean currency, parliament £5 billion a year. However

some key employers in the engineering sector are looking to save face with a formula that would keep the indus-trial peace while allowing trial peace while allowing both sides to claim victory.

With Germany's economy generally moving out of stagnation, there are signs that individual companies will do specific deals even if the sectoral bargaining remains deadlocked.

Volkswagen's labour director yesterday called for a com-promise that would continue paying out full wages during sick leave.

Yesterday was picked by the engineering union leader, Klaus Zwickel, as a day of action because it recalled one of the most emotive dates in the annals of modern German trade unionism. On the same day in 1956. IG Metall members in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein embarked on the longest labour dispute

After 16 weeks, they won the 100 per cent sick-pay pro-vision just abolished by the government.

But anomalies in the provi sion mean that when over-time and bonuses are taken account of in calculating workers' entitlements, sick employees can often earn nore than if they were at work.

Tennessee voters are loyal to personalities rather than parties. Martin Walker reports from Memphis

Sax appeal woos bluesmen

N B. B. King's blues club on Beale Street, the only sign that an election is But I tell you one thing, this is the quietest election I ever did see

under way is a discreet Clinton-Gore bumper sticker under the "Performing Tonite" posters. It is the kind of place where the whites dress casual and the blacks are impeccable in double-breasted suits and costume jewellery; where the barbecue ribs are as sweet as the music in this city that

bred the blues. The proportions are just right. The stage is bigger than the bar, and the Preston could have come from B.B. King's own guitar - which

Silky has about as much

seats. This time, the one Senate

popular 6ft 5in Republican

Inside, the bar is pasted with testimonials to Silky as a world statesman taking Memphis barbecued pork to Moscow in 1990 in his 'Pig-O- Stroika'

mission, and a huge portrait of Elvis labelled 'Another satisfied customer'.

Thompson has coat-tails, and I don't think Bill Clinton does either," says the state Demo-cratic chairman, Will Cheek, who is telling all his candi-Voter registration is the key. One third of voters are

dates that they have to win on registered as Democrats, one their own, rather than countthird as Republicans, and one ing on Clinton-Gore and the national party ticket to carry This is a state not just of them home

"If more people get out to vote for President Clinton, it swing voters, but of split-ticket voting: Tennessee's electors increasingly vote for one party for president, an-other for governor, back to will build the turnout of people likely to vote for other Democrats. But you can't the first for the Senate and count on it. The question will then back to the second for be: will it help enough? You can't poil that sort of thing."

the House. "Tennessee reacts to indi-Back in the B. B. King blues viduals more than to parties." club, an agricultural engineer called Chuck McGuire is Senator Thompson said. "Id say the state is split evenly sucking on a Budweiser and among the parties - I was never under the impression sporting a T-shirt that reads: "Bill Clinton loves the blues; that 1994 was a Republican Helena blues festival, in Tenne Arkansas Chuck says: "Bill Clinton Politicians here count heavily on their personal carried this state when he vote, which explains why the | blew 'Summertime' on that Republican congressman, Ed Bryant, is running television advertisements that feature Gore could play somethin'. his mother explaining what a Looks to me like Gore ain't good congressman her son got any rhythm at all. Good has become. got any rhythm at all. Good family, though. That counts "I don't think Fred around here."

HE misery is different Christians have a role, not a proselytising one, but one built around the idea that but the mission the same. In March 1993, General Philippe Morillon mankind exists to love and to be loved." mounted an armoured personnel carrier and told the Recently widowed with

people of Srebrenica: "You are under my protection." three grown-up daughters, he says army life — from Algeria to Germany and Bosnia — Now, France's greatest milhas taught him a hard leason itary hero since De Gaulle has

find a new hero tions, like why, if there is a God, is there war, or misery. "The world is changing and

Shannon band is playing mean rockabilly blues that hangs in a glass case on the wall.

other satisfied customer". "Heck yes, I'm gonna vote

Just down Beale Street, beyond the local cop precinct house that is also a 24-bour police museum, there is a huge green banner that says proclaims: "Elect Silky O'Sullivan to Congress - District 9." Right alongside is Silky

O'Sullivan's bar, with the motto "Every Day is St Pat-rick's Day." inside, the bar is pasted with testimonials to Silky as a world statesman taking Memphis barbecued pork to Mos-cow in 1990 in his "Pig-O-

Stroika" mission, and a huge portrait of Elvis labelled "An-

> chance of winning the 9th district as Elvis. In a city with

> > though it assumes Mr Dole's defeat.

Yesterday they produced a

| lapel of his suit. "That ain't it. | ries Tennessee's 11 electoral | and five of the nine House college votes. It would be a profound humiliation for Al Gore if the Democrats falter in his home state, and a setback to his

seat being contested is almost certain to be held by Fred Thompson, the folksy and hopes of winning the Demo-That explains why the vice-president has been home cam-paigning in Tennessee 10 by President Clinton's attack

third as independents.

Tennessee politics is the way i it is becoming a bell-wether for the way the whole country

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Scythian prince's secret tomb unearthed near Kiev Jane Perlez in Kiev 40 FES. 718 - 44 - 46 SPECTACULAR Scythian ASPECTACULIAN Stymman Atomb, housing the remains of a prince and his gold and silver possessions, has been unearthed in a field 90 miles from the Ukrainian

···· · ··· capital Kiev. Archaeologists say the find may change the way histori-ans regard one of the world's most celebrated nomadic Lying on his back with his old-handled sword in his last

gold-handled sword in his left hand, the prince was in a sealed catacomb that suggests a more settled way of life and death - than the Scythians are known for. They are characterised as nomadic warriors who, by hunting and plupdering from the seventh to the third century BC, commanded a vast | 2,300 years ago.

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thrown in his lot with thout love "It is much easier to feel a homeless of Paris. disproportionate amount of But as he sits in the tranlove for Eskimos or baby quil autunnal garden behind his office, a few doors up from seals than it is to love your

Paris homeless

the Rodin museum, the nowneighbour. I have seen man's retired general knows the odds are stacked against him need for solidarity, but this can as easily be solidarity even more than they were in around evil as around good." the besieged Muslim enclave. In Srebrenica, which be **Homelessness** and spiritual

renewal are unfashionable temporarily saved by promiscauses, but Gen Morillon has made a career of them.

ing to stay, Gen Morillon de-fied the bureaucratic inertia Born in Morocco. of the United Nations. To ordinary people he was Beau Geste. Lady Thatcher said he "gave us a spark of leadership and courage". Alain Juppé, then foreign minister, called him "General Courage". trained at Saint-Cyr military academy and was sent to Algeria.

As a lieutenant in the armoured cavalry, he sided with the rebels who opposed De Gaulle's willingness to

grant independence to the colony. A low-ranking officer, he escaped official censure but spent several years in desk

The generals probably thought the Bosnian quagmire would be too much even for him when they named him commander of the UN protection force in 1992.

In a recent book, Paroles de Soldat (published by Balland). he reveals himself an apolo gist for military service and the "machine of hope" which he believes the UN must con-

tinue to be. He said: 'My stance at Sre brenica marked a turning point in the UN's view of peacekeeping. After 40 years of peacekeeping, we realised ... that neutrality must never condemn us to passivity."

we always votes in M phis," says John Williams, one of the highest proportions taking a cigarette break after of blacks in the United States playing what he's known for - above 40 per cent - the 9th is the fieldom of the Ford along the Mississippi river

one of the finest bass-guitar solos you're ever likely to family. "It's not just because Clinton is a musician," Mr Williams grins, straightening the

campaigning elsewhere.

Harold Ford Jr will not only inherit his father's seat, but could bring out enough of the black vote to ensure that the Clinton-Gore ticket car-

The precedents are grim. to cotton as a cash crop. Vennessee was the state most The Democrats have a Tennessee was the state most

transformed by the 1994 sporting chance of winning congressional elections — the back two of the congressional Republicans won the gover-norship, both Senate seats but the curious feature of

times, and why his wife, Tip- | on tobacco as "the delivery per Gore, is campaigning system for the addictive drug here when her husband is of nicotine" — in a state where tobacco comes second

Republicans fight for Congress

Jonathan Freedland in Washington EPUBLICAN strategists

Rebuild and the second of the second winning the presidency and put their money yesterday on keeping control of Congress. Mr Dole was dealt a fresh blow yesterday when the Texan billionaire Ross Perot rebuffed his plea to drop out of the presidential race and endorse the Republican ticket. Mr Perot called the request "weird and totally innsequential", and said he was in the race to stay. Clearly signalling their

pessimism, party leaders are now urging voters to assume that Bill Clinton will be reelected but deny him a "blank cheque" in the form of a Democratic House and Senate. They believe this repre-

leaflet featuring a rogues' gal-lery of left-leaning politicians who would occupy the key poeach with its own idiosyncra sies, prediction is perilous However, the Republicans sitions in a Democrat Con gress. They include Edward Kennedy as chair of the Sennewest tactic marks an attempt to turn their presiden ate labour committee and tial candidate's weakness into Congressman Richard Gep an advantage, by persuading voters that it is Mr Dole's bardt as House Speaker. The leadership has given its official blessing to con-gressional candidates who very failure that requires them to vote Republican at

local and state level. want to distance the The polls show that one in from Bob Dole and deploy the 10 undecided voters will choose a Republican if they blank cheque argument. Television ads using the blank cheque image are are convinced that Mr Clin-

reported to be in production. But the congressional con ton will win. The plan relies on the test remains nail-bitingly American habit of ticketclose. The Democrats need a splitting, which suggests that net gain of just 19 House seats and three in the Senate to control of the legislature and

sents their congressional cap-didates' best argument, even (Detailed polls show executive "Americans like gridlock," Detailed polls show both contests are too close to call and there is the distinct possi the Republican consultant William McInturff said. They like Bill Clinton, but bility that control will rest on razor-thin majorities. With 469 different contests they don't want to give him a blank cheque.'

The irony of the approach is that it makes Bob Dole a victim of Newt Gingrich for the second time. Many analysts believe he

has lagged in the polls all year because of the public backlash against Mr Gingrich's leader ship in Congress. Now he seems likely to be sacrificed so that Mr Gingrich can retain his Speaker's chair.

The Clinton team has kept quiet about its congressional ambitions. The president promotes individual candidates on the stump but never urges the return of a Democrat congress: its deep unpopularity in 1994 led to that year's Republi-

can landslide.



Questions are get as much beer as they wanted, no questions asked, area stretching from the Dan being asked ube east to the Caucasus. The find, uncovered in July and August, is described by a Ukrainian and Polish team of from any street corner about the 'no rending machine. Japan is the only country in questions asked? the world where alcohol is archaeologists as the most significant Scythian discovsold from vending machines drink dispensers, ery in more than 150 years. One remarkable detail is that An estimated 186,000 of then nationwide dispense beer schochu (distilled liquor) **Jonathan Watts** the grave includes an oven whisky and wine. It is also a like apparatus, indicating that the nomadic Scythians reports in Tokyo country with a growing alco-hol problem. But despite adapted in some ways to the settled habits of the Sarmagovernment calls for the removal of alcohol vending ACROWD of teenagers at a bar in central Tokyo tians, who lived in the forest machines, they are as ubiqui steppe where the grave was located. chants the Japanese mantra for "Down-in-one", reaching a tous as ever. Japan has more than one crescendo as one of their number gulps down the last The discovery is also exvending machine for every 30 people, the highest ratio in the world. Selling everything traordinary, the archaeolo-gists said, because all arti-facts - from an intricate drops of her beer. A few minutes later, after a from soft drinks to sex aids second round, she collapses, Greek silver cup to the they have become an estab-lished feature since their in-semi-conscious. Japanese law prohibits the sale of alcohol to anyone troduction in the 1950s. were found just as they had been placed during the burial under the age of 20 but, as the owner of the bar said, "They because of their convenience

are under age — but the law | and partly because, it is said, is a joke. They could go and | they allow shame-conscious vending-machine makers have proposed waiting until a system is developed to enable Japanese to purchase goods that they would otherwise feel embarrassed to buy. them to read identity cards and check a buyer's age. However, in recent years the vending machines that While alcohol consumption has declined in most sell alcohol have become a countries in the past 20 years,

growing cause for concernit has risen rapidly in Japan. Recent surveys indicate particularly among women. there are more under age drinkers than ever, half of But the problems associated with heavy drinking are still whom admit their main supnot fully recognised, despite ply was vending machines. This has prompted tax and health officials, and some the emergence of expressions such as "necktie (business-man) alcoholic" and "kitchen local authorities, to call for al-(housewife) drinker' cohol vending machines to be removed from the streets. describe new social The All Japan Liquor Mer-Masava Kawada, a doctor

chants Association agreed to specialising in alcohol-related problems, said the failure to co-operate in December 1994. remove the alcohol vending but since then there has been little progress. Only about 8 per cent of the machines have been phased out, and no dead-line has been set for the machines would make matters worse in future. "Much was promised, but almost nothing has been done. It seems that the alcohol lobby removal of the rest. Instead, brewers and is too strong."

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Turning from the abyss

Mr Netanyahu needs to change course: now

A YEAR AFTER the assassination of the Palestinians (and to Mr Rabin's Yitzhak Rabin, Israel — and the Palestinians - are still counting the cost. The atmosphere swirls with anguish and apprehension, intolerance and fanaticism. The peace process has been knocked off its course: the only question is whether it is going sideways or in reverse. What consensus there was among Jews, among Arabs, and between the two communities, has been sharply reduced; the only question is whether it survives at all. Looking back a year later (Israel observed the anniversary yesterday according to the Jewish calendar - the actual date is November 4), many are asking the hardest question of all: has the assassin actually won?

After Mr Rabin was gunned down, the Israeli people drew together briefly and pledged re-commitment to the peace process. But it was a shaky reconciliation to which the hard-core Likud only assented reluctantly and because it was politically impossible to do otherwise. Even then there were fundamentalists who openly applauded Yigal Amir. A year on, there is far more evidence of discord than of common endeavour in Israeli society. "How quickly the national memory dried up," writes a commentator this week in Yediot Aharanot, "how fast the tears evaporated ... A year after the assassination of the prime minister, and we have not yet learned to live with each other. We have not learned to talk to each other." A Jewish extremist pours scalding tea on a Knesset member who has gone to talk to a mixed meeting of Jewish and Palestinian women. Rightwingers object to the Song of Peace which Mr Rabin joined in singing minutes before he was gunned down being used at a planned memorial meeting. There are a few brave efforts to bridge the gap of comprehension within and between the communities, but no one will admit even a hint of optimism.

Zevulun Hammer, education minister under Binyamin Netanyahu, claimed yesterday that the right-wing was being unfairly blamed: "Bullets don't fly from only right to left." But within Israeli society the hatred and the violence has been one way - and it was often condoned by associates of Mr Netanyahu before Mr Rabin was killed. It is government which negotiated the Oslo agreement), Hebron was an Arab town with a small Jewish community; to religious Zionism, it was and is the City of the Patriarchs.

An Israeli prime minister can only begin to reconcile such deep divisions in society by leading it forwards, not backwards. Shimon Peres sought to do so after Mr Rabin's death against increasing odds. In February he made his own task harder by consenting to the Israeli assassination in Gaza of the Hamas bomb-maker known as "the engineer". This then triggered the massive bombings against Israeli civilian targets which lost him the election. But it should be remembered that such assassinations have always been a tool of state policy. It was a year ago tomorrow (by our calendar) that the Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shiqaqi was gunned down in Malta. Now Israel is bracing itself for reprisals — and West Bank Palestinians suffer further hardship

with a new total closure. Mr Netanyahu says he "sees things differently" from the Oslo agreement, yet he is not a fundamentalist but a pragmatist - with a strong opportunistic streak. The tragedy is that this has so far led him in the wrong direction. It was always going to be hard for Israeli society to face up to the implications of making peace with the Palestinians. For the logic (which Mr Peres accepted privately but could never say in public) does lead towards two separate states. When this is pointed out by outsiders as President Chirac did this week - it causes enormous resentment. Yet a new, equal and co-operative relationship is the only real solution to Jewish-Arab hostility. Mr Arafat only pays lip service to it; some of his colleagues and many ordinary Palestinians even today would genuinely like to make it work. Mr Netanyahu and, it must be acknowledged, very large numbers of Israelis, reject a two-state solution altogether. But the last year has demonstrated that he and they have no other alternative except a gradual slide into the abyss (taking Mr Arafat, as he concedes more ground to keep in the negotiating process) with them. Contemplating this abyss could and should



Letters to the Editor Children of the dream

pace, October 22). We are not going to get rid of violence or anger by young people by making us adhere to more meaningless values and ideas. We need to ask Frances Lawrence what her agenda really is. What is she really trying to achieve - a more open, pacifist society or one that fits in with her ideology and beliefs? We aren't going to achieve this by her manifesto. Courses in citizenship are akin to indoctrination by fas-cist and marcist regimes. They will only serve to highlight those who don't fit, making them more inclined to react.

Understanding, tolerance and space will, in the long run, achieve more than a false attempt to impose a shaky idea of citizenship. A moral response isn't to repect anyone in authority just because they are there, but to respect them because of the example they set. Samuel Porter. Flat 5, Hermit's Croft,

Edinburgh EH8 9RG. A N Imaginative way to inlead to second thoughts on entirely

would be to re-invest in

Theatre In Education. This is

a process of learning whereby

actors involve children, and

often the most disturbed ones,

in roles where they have to

take moral decisions on tough

issues like family relation-

ships, bullying, racism or sex-ual responsibility.

The British developed this

S. A young student, I theatrical form in the sixties teacher-training institution prepares its students to teach how we did it. However, the citizenship experientially. Institution to the sixties is and the world came to study prepares its students to teach the world cruster and the world came to study prepares its students to teach the world cruster and the world came to study prepares its students to teach the world cruster and the world came to study prepares its students to teach the world cruster and the world came to study prepares its students to teach the world cruster and the world came to study prepares its students to teach the world cruster and the world came to study prepares its students to teach the wo but destroyed in the eighties Executive Director. and nineties by government cuts to the arts and by the **Community Service** Volunteers. containment of local authori-ties to providing only the most basic services. 237 Pentonville Road, London N1 9NJ.

Philip Hedley. Artistic Director. Theatre Royal Stratford East. Gerry Raffles Square, . London E15 1BN.

per cent of them from formal education and condones the YOUR interviews with young people who have never participated in citizenfact that almost 50 per cent have little to show for 10 years' compulsory schooling. Before rushing to quick-fix ship learning (How the class of '96 switched off at moralis tic lectures and double talk, October 23) underline the imsolutions, politicians should support existing schemes portance of involving young based on quality youth work, such as the Youth Achieve-ment Awards developed by people in studying citizen-ship, not lecturing them. Where schools work with their pupils on citizenship the Youth Clubs UK, that can provide real evidence of success.

story is very different. For ex-John Bateman. ample, last year CSV launched a national award for Chief Executive, Youth Clubs UK 11 St Bride Street, school pupils taking part in citizenship education — Pass-port for Life. At one school, a London EC4A 4AS. group of pupils met their local football team to discuss prob-

another, young people reduced the amount of litter

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Participative citizenship education works where young

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HAT a wonderful oppor-tunity at Halifax for the Government to put its educa-tional philosophy into praclems surrounding football adults. violence, presenting their so-

they can expand?

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HERE is now a danger that young people will fin-

ish up as scapegoats for fail-ings in a system that, in some

areas, has excluded up to 10

Your Majesty, about that speech you were supposed to have given

THE Queen's Speech has disappointed many charlties who care for some of Britain's most vulnerable people by one significant omission ---the proposals concerning employers' access to police records. The proposals, set out in

green and white papers, were at an advanced stage. Some sure of urgently needed measure or urganity needed protection from abuse would be given to children and adults, by alerting employers to previous convictions of po-tential employees. The proposed legislation was imperfect. It failed to offer the same protection to witherable adults as it did to frankly a mess. Norman Latimer

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ONE of the reasons given by the Government for changes to its proposed pro-gramme of legislation is "lack vulnerable adults as it did to children. My organisation works with many vulnerable adults, people who are both deaf and blind, and often with of parliamentary time". Remind me who determined little or no formal communi cation. And, appalling as it may seem, potential abusers are attracted to working with that Parliament should take the three-and-a-balf month recess that is just ending? Peter Cullen. such vulnerable adults. We

29 Lower Stanton St Quintin, Nr Chippenham, were, however, optimistic about persuading the Home minister, David Mac-

lean MP, to make a small change to the proposals to ex-YOU claim that "one of the better suggestions for tend protection to vulnerable reform came, surprisingly, not from Labour, but from John By the irony of timing,

As a solicitor specialising family law, I am most disappointed that the Queen's Speech contained no propos-als to change the law relating to the rights of unmarried co habitees. This is an area of crucial importance to a huge number of people but the law,

at present offering little cer-tainty or security for many of the individuals concerned, is in urgent need of reform. The law in this area is quite

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true that the assassination did not create the schism; it only turned the spotlight upon it. It is also true (though it does not help) that the fundamentalist objection to the peace process is based not on anti-Arab prejudice but on profound conviction. This is the essence of | end the endless circle of revenge - and the argument over Hebron today. To

practical grounds. A right-wing leader is better placed than a prime minister of the left to change course (it has been done elsewhere). Mr Netanyahu might even find it easier than he expected: it is certainly the only way to bring to an defeat Mr Rabin's assassin.

One committee: two Hamiltons

Sir Archie to be the judge of Neil. Surely some mistake?

WHEN Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith did | "a number of bits of legislation to the honourable thing and stepped down from the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee one vaguely expected him to be replaced by Caesar's wife. Instead, he is being replaced by Sir Archie Hamilton. This shows a curious approach to proving to a sceptical country that the House of Commons is serious about the business of self-regulation.

The Standards and Privileges Committee sits, in effect, as a court. It is the practice in most courts that any judge or juryman who might be considered parti pris in a case will disqualify himself. What about Sir Archie? He will be required to sit in judgment on Neil Hamilton. In a radio interview last year he made his feelings about his namesake quite plain. He said he regretted he had resigned, adding: "What we're coming under is a tremendous amount of slur and innuendo being used by partisan members of the media to try and get rid of ministers. And somebody has to stand up and fight this." For good measure, he went on to advocate

restrict freedom of the press ... it is going to be necessary because we cannot go on having politicians being picked on in this way, nor indeed our institutions undermined." Would any judge in any other court in the land allow someone onto a jury who had made plain his feelings in such a way? Sir Archie is, in other ways, a strange nominee for the post-Nolan age. He

opposed the Nolan reforms forcing MPs to declare their salaries from consultancies and directorships. Despite this opposition, he lodged letters with the House in May which showed that he was being paid by private firms specifically to approach ministers on their behalf about possible government contracts as well as to attempt to influence policy and to book Commons dining rooms for corporate entertainment. They appeared to come close to "paid advocacy," an activity which is now forbidden. If the Government is truly intent on proving that self-regulation will work, Sir Archie's appointment is a funny way of showing it.

Supping in the lost chance saloon

Reduce drink and driving then watch the feelgood factor

people killed in accidents involving THE GOVERNMENT should swiftly implement yesterday's recommendation to only 580 by 1995. The lower the limit, from the chief police officers for a fresh squeeze on drinking and driving. They want the present limit of 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood (the ceiling above which drink-related accidents start to escalate) to be reduced to 50mg. A pint of beer or two glasses of wine is about 80mg though it varies considerably depending on the strength of the beer and the metabolism of the person involved. The Department of Transport's official policy is that people shouldn't drink at all. But the Government is reluctant to

despite the evidence that earlier con-

the more those who persist in drinking and driving will make themselves conspicuous. There isn't much chance of getting legislation through Parliament during this session because the Government is

illegal alcohol levels from 1,040 in 1985

desperate to avoid anything even remotely controversial Alas, any proposal to curb drinking and driving is likely be judged more by whether it will win or lose votes in the election than on whether it will reduce impose lower limits through the law.

accidents. This is crazy. If reducing road accidents doesn't boost the feelstraints helped to reduce the number of | good factor then nothing deserves to.

Open and shut

GLENDA Jackson says that rail privatisation is turn ing inquiries (of serious railway incidents) into buck-passing exercises rather than a sober attempt to uncover the truth (Legal moves by victims of rail crash. October 23).

Privatisation has made no such difference. The Health and Safety Executive is fully independent and, as such, entirely free to make up its own mind about the cause of railway incidents, based on the facts. The HSE is currently carrying out its independent investigation into the Watford crash and will publish a special report. I concur with Miss Jackson that it is clearly in the public interest that the HSE findings are made as widely available as possible, and they will be. Those findings will be relevant to the claims of those who have suffered injury or loss. Again, that is no different to what applied prior to privatisation. The difference now is that rather than claim against the single BR Board, third parties may claim against the single claims-handling agency, Rail-way Claims Limited.

Sir George Young. Secretary of State for Transport. 76 Marsham Street. London SW1F 4DR

F Tony Newton persists in Gerald Hartup, efforts to exclude the broad-Director. casters from hearings of The Freedom Association. David Willetts's evidence, he 35 Westminster Bridge Road, will break the rules of proceondon SEI 7JB. dure agreed by the House (Conservatives aim to block broadcast of Willetts affair, October 24). As the BBC editor involved in detailed negotia-Enoch Powell, Ian Paisley, tions with his predecessors Myra Hindley and Tony Blair ahead of the TV experiment, I all claim Christian belief is can say that there was una-nimity that a public hearing not a matter of universal reas meant just that. Open to all, tianity to those who choose i Efforts to allow the press in while excluding the broadcasters were firmly squashed. This was enshrined in the or good politics. John Webster. report approved by the House. Manchester. I am sure that the Supervi-sor of Broadcasting is making this quite clear to Mr Newton.

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A word for the moneylenders

UGO YOUNG (Commen-tary, October 22) says that and other Western nations viand other Western nations vi-olate Christian values?

"A rich Christian country would not tolerate the giving The recent activities of BP in Columbia, of Shell in Nigeof less than 0.5 per cent of national income to the poor of the Third World", thus imria, and of British Aerospace in Indonesia, are only the lat-est examples of the long-standing British and US de-termination to prevent local plicitly criticising Britain. Yet we are not a Christian country; we are a post-Chris people interfering with (or, God forbid, controlling) local tian country whose morality and value systems have been affected by a Judeo-Christian resources and so threatening heritage. Even if we were a Christian profits and power. Our real moral failure is not doing too country we would not neces little but doing far too much.

sarily delegate our charitable giving to the state. We might believe that Third World aid David Edwards. 41 Sutton Road. Charminster. was a tax on the poor of the first world to benefit the rich Bournemouth BH9 1RW.

of the Third World. I believe Final thoughts Christ preached individual salvation through faith and

PHILIP Hensher claims in his article on cycling (Socigood works not a collectivist salvation via the Inland Reveety, October 23): "You're not likely to be seriously endangered by anybody on two wheels." Really? After several months in-line skating to work, I've had several near misses with cyclists who T is not relevant how Chris-tian a policy or politician is or appears to be. The fact that blithely ignore traffic lights. Conversely I've met nothing but courtesy from motorists.

Joanna Pegum. 6/32 Lower Sloane Street. London SW1W aBP.

surance. Let's leave Chris-AM quite sure that K P Byfield's life (Letters, October for themselves, and not take it 23), despite his age, is of equal as a measure of good morals value to that of Harold Pinter. More to the point, I am sure that Harold Pinter would agree; though he might regret that Mr Byfield had failed to understand a major aspect of

UGO YOUNG's assertion about aid-giving and a his writings. rich Christian country is Colin Boatman. right - but are we really to 84 Archway Road believe that this defines the London N19 3TT.

ing, the report of a commis-sion into child abuse, chaired closed and good schools allowed to expand. So why not by Lord Williams of Mostyn. close the (poor) Ridings school and send the pupils to was released. Even in politics the two (good) nearby, grantactions speak louder than maintained schools so that wods. Many words have been uttered by ministers on protecting vulnerable people from abuse. The realpolitik of the final months of government look like revealing them as rhetoric. David Harker. Managing Director Sense, the National Deatblind and Rubella Association. 11-13 Clifton Terrace,

(Gone Hisning IO) votes, October 22), referring to the Prime Minister's June speech on aspects of parliamentary procedural reform. Yet from Labour's front bench, I put forward in 1995 a series of proposals, including the very one regarding a rolling programme of legislation. you attribute to John Major. Jeff Rooker MP. House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we canno acknowledge those not used.

Sentencing the victim

WRITE about the case of the | form a clerk of the court of two women jailed for refusmy availability over the next ing to give evidence against six months in case there is a ged attacker (Contempt trial; and received 10 days for the truth, October 24). I was attacked in November notice of a trial which was subsequently cancelled. In the past 12 months, I 1995 in my own drive. I have just been told the first court have had recurrent thoughts hearing has been cancelled. about recrimination if I give evidence; changing my ap-pearance at court so I In the interim, I have attended an identification pa-rade at which I was told this couldn't be traced afterwards was my chance to "get my not giving evidence. I am 6ft own back", and received in-4in tall, male and severely formation about the alleged traumatised by the attack and criminal which was not reasthe subsequent handling of suring; received a very imperthe affair. It is not surprising that these women came to the sonal letter telling me I would be needed as a witness "some decision they did.

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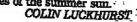
A Country Diary --------------

ROSELAND, CORNWALL: A | four-mile stretch of the flight of 14 cormorants flew, coastal path to return to in line-ahead formation, low Portscatho. Ahead of us law across the waters of Gerrans Bay. They are creatures of an almost prehistoric design and, when alighting with their wings hung out to dry, seem like the birds of another age. An oyster-catcher rose from the rocks with a piercconditions but 1 ing call and two curlews flew westwards to a rockpool with their liquid chattering song

You can always have a high expectation on this coast of hearing the call of the curlew, the most dramatic of our native birdsong, so long as you know the time of the tide. As amounts of rain. A swim did the incoming waters cover the rich estuarial mudflats of this sunken coast, so the curlew population comes up to the grassland pastures. A field behind temporary lodgings we once had at Ruan Highlanes was a dependable sighting point from which I observed the regular rhythms of curlew life, and also developed a good-enough imitation whistled call to get the birds responding. We walked a

Nare Head, with Gull Rock offshore and the bulk of Dodman Head beyond. A southerly airstream under low cloud maintained very mild Was reminded that, when the cloud breaks and provides the sunshine of an indian summer, the sea is still warm enough for a dip. On this coast, in earlier years, we have swum as late as the end of October but, on this visit, the low cloud heralded the arrival of an Atlantic depression carrying large

not therefore appeal. As we approached Portscatho, now battering down for the winter, I remembered days of summer sun here with the house martins speeding in to feed their young beneath the eaves and the occasional appearance of the seals in the harbour waters at evening time. A long, grey winter precedes the return of the pleasures of the summer sun.



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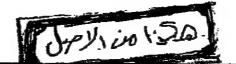
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AM captivated by an in-terview with Uri Geller in Teddy Bear Times, a hi-monthly for fans of the stuffed creatures. Mr Geller, we are told, "has turned his attention to the mysterious healing proper-ties of teddy bears," and he himself reveals how he first discovered these properties. "Some three years ago, I received a letter from US Vice President Al Gore," says Mr Geller. Mr Gore, he goes on, had seen him on TV, and wrote to him asking for help in speeding the recovery of his son, Al Junior, from an accident. At once. Mr Geller went into his own son's bedroom, and

won permission to borrow his teddy. "I hugged this bear and released into it all the energy and power I could." he continues. "We sent a courier with the bear to the States. It was not long before Al was in touch, tellbeloed his recuperation." The White House promises to investigate the truth of

this claim, while Mr Geller is out of contact in Greece. I don't want to be alarmist, but if there is a shred of truth in Mr Geller's anecdote (and you couldn't make it up, could you?), perhaps we should all put from our minds the phrase "one heartbeat from the Presidency",

OR the first time since Monty Montgomery tried to stop us mentioning his separation on grounds of "invading his privacy", we are con-tacted by the Mirror Group legal department. Its head, Charles Collier Wright, wishes to correct a report about Brendan Woolhead, the victim of the Aldwych bus bomb wrongly assumed by many newspapers to be a member of the IRA. The Mirror did not pay Mr Woolhead a six-figure sum, he points out, and had not settled the action at all when death ended his suit for libel. "Look, I'm not too worried, to be honest," says Mr Collier Wright. "But you did say we paid more than the Sun"

DMIRERS of the news judgment of GMTV, home for a little while longer of that Barbara Walters manqué, Anthea Turner, will be relieved to ear that it is in no way losing its touch. Yesterday morning, the Prime Minister was giving his traditional post-Queen's Speech interviews to the morning broadcasters, and the BBC's Breakfast News, the Today programme and GMTV were scheduled to speak to him in Downing Street. At the last minute, however, GMTV rang the BBC to say that it would not, after all, be sharing facilities since

A double-barrelled assassination

Commentary Peter Preston

...................... HE real ticket to watch 10 days hence isn't Clinton/Gore or Dole/

Kemp. No such terse euphony, alas. The ticket I'll be watching as the results come in fires on all double barrels. Evans-Pritchard/ criminals, fraud, corruption in political fundralsing, tax offences, police coverups and the abuse of power", not to mention "obsessive sexual Rees-Mogg. Either they'll win big, or the shades of derision will finally gather.

(according to Mogg) about to bring the President down. Ambrose Evans-Pritchard & Washington correspondent "As the momentum [this in of the Sunday Telegraph. Lord Rees-Mogg is Lord Rees-Mogg. Together, over the past May 1994] builds, it seems unlikely that Clinton can be renominated, let alone re-elected: he is not even certain four years, they've been de facto world chairpersons of to reach the end of his term unindicted." the Bill Clinton Non-Fan Club. And they matter more

Ambrose in full flow can than a string of articles on make such creamy assertions low fat. Try November 1994. Sunday or columns in the Times would initially indi-Times would initially indi-cate. Ambrose has been of a defunct ideology, and deeper into the alleged per-this administration is a fleet-pable of doing anything right. November 6, this will just be waiting to happen.

fidy of Clinton's Arkansas ing interlude in a relentless than any journalist working shift to the hard right." The shift to the hard right." The for a mainstream newspaper anywhere — his presidential revelations echoing back across the Atlantic and into headline declares: "Clinton is doomed." His presidency has been "reduced to levels not seen since the era of congressional begemony in the late 19th century". A primary challenge to him from the left American consciousness: American consciousness: ("People in Europe probably have a clearer picture of the real man," he once wrote.) And William Rees-Mogg has decked those diggings in the ermine of respectability. To thumb back through their assembled writings is to inhabit a universe where "ac-"was inevitable". Evans-Pritchard gleefully quoted one of Newt Gingrich's key advisers: "We're going for the jugular. It'll be a scandal a week for the next two inhabit a universe where "acyears." Rees-Mogg, meanwhile, was cusations of associations with

working the economic also front. Clinton's prospects in 1993 were already threatened by the problems he inherited from George Bush: "The American recovery remains weak and suspect." There was no chance of cutting the defi-cit. But last month, if you please, that same economy was "still fine and in prolonged recovery from the last months of the Bush administration".

The point, as shrewd readers may already realise, is not that Bill Clinton has never done anything wrong - but that, for the EP/RM ticket, he

so much psephological flot-sam. Perhaps Bob Dole and added spunk will turn the trick. In which case the Am-brose/Mogg ticket will be Pundits of the Millennium. But if they changed by appear Now we are about to find out Now we are about to find out what the American voters think, and a few of the old alibis are trotting out. The biggest, ceaselessly repeated, seems to dabble in paranoia. President BUI gets away with it (*G-P*) because of the indi-ference of "the supposed co-gnoscenti in the lawyer-lib-eral ghetto of Washington DC": or (*R-M*) of "respectable eral ghetto of Washington DC": or (R-M) of "respectable journalists of liberal views living comfortably in New York". Why won't they listen to us? And why (second alibi) have the Republicans chosen this "duff" Dole person?

Still, Evans-Pritchard doesn't give up easily. A "cocksure Clinton", he wrote last Sunday, might be riding for a fall in California, where "his lead is shrinking ominously". A private Dole poll, vouchsafed to Ambrose, had the Democratic lead down to "only 5 points". There was a "haemorrhage of white work-ing-class support", portend-ing a "diaastrous upset" and a

"surge through the rest of the country". And all because Bob Dole had finally shown "some spunk" and tackled the character issue head on.

NLY two days later (if you believe in polls) the New York Times had the President 20 points clear and gaining support because the elec-torate don't like a spunky Dole dishing the dirt. Three days later, a Los Angeles Times California poll showed the President back in another 20-point lead, with 60 per cent job approval — and half of all voters thinking Dole much

earns our love But if they should, by chance, be wrong — what then? The question is not only for America. You don't have to believe that Bill Clinton is a saintly chap or Arkansas the Vaticen at measure What you and respect Vatican at prayer. What you do have to ponder, though is a style of journalism which turns reportage or analysis into a thin screech of outrage. which makes some of the facts into all of the facts. There is more to US political

life than the tiny world of talk-radio stations (run by O)iver North) and little magazines. November's vote is, in its way, a referendum on that world. We shall see. We shall see what ordinary people, not narrow ideologues, actually

care about. Lord Rees-Mogg, it is true, can manage perfectly well without any more Clinton columns. He already has the couplinns, he anteau us in spectral fire of Euro-Federal-ism blazing on his hearth. Maybe Ambrose will resur-face as a Brussels correspon-face discussed and the state of the

dent. But here is the wider dimension, where issues and attitudes interlock. On my bookshelf I have the

Spring edition of Brown University's political quarterly in which John Redwood talks gushingly about the inspiration that is Newt Gingrich. Come autumn, those leaves have fallen. Come autumn, the punters have a view. Certainty - on Newt or Bill or Helmut or Jacques — isn't a premium product. Certainty can be a kick in the pants.

Some of Mr Howard's "bon-

esty in sentencing" proposals today will make sentences

more transparent to the pub-lic. But the courts, which

seem to live in an 18th-cen-

tury world when it comes to



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into buying them. In the lifts of many unscrupulous department stores, the various items on sale ladies' fashlons, records, household goods, etc - are listed above the lift buttons. This is an obvious attempt by the heartless store-owners to fool the consumer into viewing — and possibly purchas-

what we thought. Yet even after our hard-hitting series, Shopwatch, successive gov-ernments have dragged their heels over the urgent legisla-tion needed to ban store windows being lit at night, lists of items in store lifts and attractive coverings for sofas and

armchairs. But at least Esther and I became firm friends, and firm friends we remain. We both share a terrific sense of humour: in those far-off days of our youth we spent many a long hot summer fumbling through fields in search of root veg shaped like the male member. The minute we found one, we'd just sit down in the middle of the field and laugh and laugh and laugh But before long our grins would turn to grimaces as we bullying a consumer and point an accusing finger at recalled what terrible things had happened to defenceless little mites as a result of real

him, jab him in the chest, reduce him to a gibbering wreck, and ruin his sales live men. It was while leaving one of career by naming him on live television. Then, wiping away his tears — and this is where her Heart of Gold comes in — she'll give him a bit of a cuddle, ask after his kiddles and chear him up with an these fields one day that I fell over a discarded hay-bale by mistake, bruising the second finger along on my left hand. Frankly, Esther was in no mood to take my fall lying and cheer him up with an hilarious true story about a down, and she was never to forgive or forget that mis-Garden Supplies Dealer from placed bale. Five years later, Droitwich who rejoices in the on her award-winning That's Life, she successfully cam-paigned for a special Balewatch helpline, advising name of - can you believe it? - Mr Robert BENCH!!! Esther and I were both educated at the University of viewers to report any stray Hard Knocks. I first met her bales in total anonymity "Our research proves conclu sively," said Esther, "that the

communications, could do when we were working as something. It's not necessary to abolish parole to do it. If researchers together on a pioneering documentary in the the public is horrified when late 60s exposing the way a somebody sentenced to 10 particular high-street departyears walks out after only five, why not have the judge ment store preyed on its cus-tomers. Even though these customers included a lot of senior citizens, half of them

on below-average income, a great many probably with de-bilitating diseases the mediall-out government ban on hay-bales, and, adoptcal profession still refuses to ing her most serious expres-sion yet, added. "Until legislarecognise, the store still con-tinued to set out its wares all tion comes, our children will over its public "showrooms", wander the countryside in unfairly inducing its custom-ers to crave goods many of them could not hope to buy. Esther and I set out to teach ordinary decent folk to beware of unscrupulous tricks

mortal peril. Cyril?" And then the inimitable Cyril Fletcher entertained us all with one of his immortal "Odd Odes". Since then, we've worked together on Holidaywatch, s pioneering programme that alerted unsuspecting consum-

apparently oh-so-harmless

bale of hay can become a

potential death-trap when

strapped to the back of an innocent kiddle and set on

HE then called for an

Alan Travis argues that Michael Howard's plan to toughen sentences is based on false premises. So does the Home Secretary have a secret – and ugly – motivation?

Crimes of punishment

finally unveil fact the equal of a current sixyear sentence, because he is also going to abolish autodetails of the American-style matic 50 per cent parole. For that kind of harshness mandatory minimum sentences he wants to introduce to the British criminal-justice to be necessary there must be

system for the first time. something deeply wrong with our judges. Where is the evi-dence? Mr Howard will pub-He says he is doing it because the public needs greater protection from dangerous and persistent criminals. Yet lish some figures today in

the simple assumption underlying this package is that the judges have gone soft. Soft, that is, on convicted rapists who rape again, soft on con-victed hard-drug dealers who get caught a third time, and

soft on career houseburglars up for the third or more time. The minimum sentences he is telling the judges they must pass, with only a very narrow

ICHAEL How- it now, is out in 18 months | referred only six of them. No | used. Prof Hough found, for | and will today | with good behaviour. It is in | wonder the last Lord Chief example, that half the public | wonder the last Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, calls his evidence "flimsy and dubious". So there must be another

"focus-group"

explanation. Could it be that the public has a definite taste for punishment, believing that the judges are soft, and that Mr Howard has become the first Home Secretary for which he suggests that the | 30 years to decide to feed that | media. We are only interested

Half the public thinks that only 50 per cent of rapists are sent to prison - in fact the judges actually send down 91 per cent

courts are too lenient. For | taste for revenge and | in the grotesquely lenient or example, he says that in 1994 | retribution? example, he says that in 1994 only 10 out of 217 second-time Recent rapists and violent attackers got a life sentence. Mr Howescape clause, are not quite and already has the power to what they seem. Take the refer to the Court of Appeal ard already has the power to Office and now of South Bank what they seem. Take the refer to the Court of Appeal University, certainly suggests old housebreaker with previ-three-years minimum for a too lenient. Did he refer all cal about the courts. It be-three years as we understand 207 cases? No; in fact he lieves that prison is rarely special computer run.

thinks that only 50 per cent of capists are sent to prison: in act the judges actually send down 91 per cent of rapists. It believes that burglars and street robbers get away with fines or even cautions: in fact

more than half of convicted muggers go straight to prison. The fault may lie with the

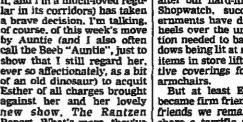
pass a sentence of five-to-10 years as they do in America? I am sure that Mr Howard

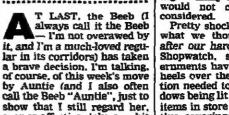
would like to put the public straight - as revealed in the atest British Crime Survey that most people think that crime has not only gone up, but gone up a lot, since he began the job of Home Secre-tary three years ago. Why not tell them the truth about the index too? Instead he stands tences as they make news. research by Professor Mike But, as Prof Hough points out, Hough, latterly of the Home you can't even find out what the going rate is for a 25-year judges too? Instead he stands there shouting: "Do not adjust your set, there is a fault in reality."

against her and her lovely new show, The Rantzen Report. What's more, they've decided to award her a brandnew two-year contract, and that can't he had Esther's come in for a lot of criticism these past few months. Call it off, guys: Es-ther's bigger than the lot of you. Ever since we first met, Esther's always hated bullies. Often I've seen her pick out a salesman she suspected of



Bel Littlejohn ing — and bossibly purchas-ing — many items he or she would not otherwise have considered. Pretty shocking, eh? That's **********************





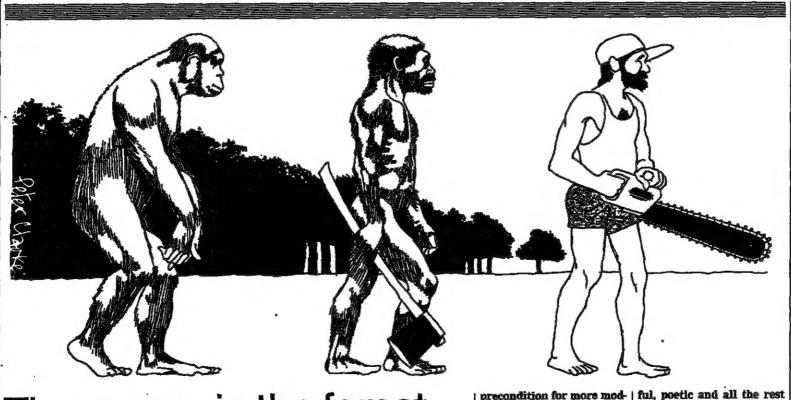
etning D IOLE DI had occurred. Something more pressing in this instance was an "exclusive" interview with the pop duo, Robson and Jerome.

OVABLY aggressive literary agent Andrew Wylie, the man known to some as Martin Amis's tooth fairy, may have met his match. The New York Daily News reports that on Monday Andrew received a present at his office: a 12inch cactus with inch-and-ahalf-long quills. Andrew, It eems, is up to his old poaching tricks again, and the plant's sender, rival agent Liz Ziemska, was furious at his attempts to steal British writer Tibor Fisher. "It was the ugliest thing I've ever seen," says Ms Ziemska, who has never visited fichael Winner in his boudoir. She reports that Andrew was courteout enough to call with his thanks, telling her: "The cactus was a little dusty when I took it out of the box. So I licked it clean."

URTHER evidence arrives of rising cerebral standards among the standards among the nation's uniformed officers. In Strathclyde, PC Jim McAnley was approached by an anxious local worried about a dog trapped inside an electronic advertising board in a bus station. On investigating, reports Police magazine, the constable did indeed hear the yelping of a puppy, and it was only when PC McAuley was on the point of kicking out a panel to free the animal that a shopkeeper raced over to claim responsibility. "What about the wee dog?" the offi-cer asked. "That's nae dog."

said the shopkeeper. "That's a sound effect for a video of 101 Dalmations."





our own progress.

The enemy in the forest

History, when you think about it, comes down to a continual battle between

men and trees, argues Martin Kettle

fore the humans came, REES are like mother-hood, apple pie and, more topically, family there were trees. Left to themselves, trees dominated, forcing out other values. Nobody has a bad forms of vegetation and de-fining the conditions under word to say about any one of them. So the news that the Countryside Commiswhich other forms of vege-table and animal life could sion intends to plant billions of new trees and to exist. Only water, rock and extremes of temperature double the amount of woodextremes of temperature can permanently defy them. Apart, that is, from human beings. Humans are rightly in awe of trees. In Genesis and land in England is sure to have caused warm glows all round, and hardly a shiver of complaint

Forests are great news in other religious writings for trees. But are trees they are symbols of life and anywhere. for trees. But are the knowledge of good and guite as indiscriminately the knowledge of good and evol for humans as we now evil. Yet it is also undentgood for humans as we now seem to assume? At the end able that a very large amount of human social and economic progress is based on the uprooting of of the 20th century human beings feel guilty about trees. It was not always trees. Civilisation. one might say. advances as thus. Indeed, there is a case

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ern communications too. and ultimately for the es-tablishment of what nowadays would be called a more cohesive society. the necessarily destructive attitude towards forests The rule of law applied in

which prevailed in early post-fendal society. The clearings. But in the woods, lawlessness ruled. Robin Hood embodies the sense of United States, Australia and New Zealand were able to what we lost when we left the Greenwood — the lib-erty that was opposed to the law, of which Christo-pher Hill has recently writgrow and prosper only once the trees had been cleared to enable the colonists to advance from the coastal margins...But we still de-nounce Third World countries which seek to em-ulate this precondition of ten, as opposed to the lib-erty which law now supposedly embodies. Fero-cions penalties against for-est outlaws remained on the statute book into the Our island was once dom

last century. Yet from As inated by forests whose You Like It to The Wood-landers, our writers have always yearned for sylvan values. In News From Nopersistence ensured our collective poverty. Like it or not — and today's sensi-bilities do not like it one bit — those forests had to be where, William Morris imagined a communist Engrolled back in order that first agriculture and then industry might prosper. A field, whether for planting land in which, significantly, the forests had recaptured the cities. There are echoes of that mood still, in the tree-based pro-tests against further clear-ings for by-passes and the like. or grazing, is defined by the bsence of trees.

"HE coal industry on which Britain's induslike. for saying that the history might say, advances as only developed once the last few millennia of woodlands are cleared. We tend to forget these days that Britain would cer-expressed in terms of a struggle between them and us - with us winning. Betrial wealth was based only developed once the As with all debates about

of it. Yet earlier societies have seen them as places of fear and the hom s of demons. Germans have a much darker mythology of woodlands than the English, as Simon Schama has brilliantly expounded in Lanscape And Memory.

Rationalism and forests are not natural cohabitees. A regimented woodland is an awful thing, as anyone who knows the upland conifer forests is well aware. An average with the one arboretum, like the one that Michael Heseltine cultivates, is a symbolic affirmation of the triumph of the human order over the natural anarchy of the woods.

And yet it is sobering to realise that if some future refinement of the neutron bomb were to fall on the planet and obliterate the human race while leaving all other forms of life unharmed, it would be the trees that would win in the end. Give them a millen-nium and a fair climate and Britain would be covered in trees again. To plant a forest may even be an unconscious admission that the human

order is more transi

mt than

employed by the high-street manipulators, including: • Some stores "light up" ers to the perils of foreign their front windows at night, travel and called for urgent boping to lure in the unsus-pecting customer the next day. EU legislation to ensure that all buildings over 100 years old be fitted with adequate

• Expensive luxury items such as soft furnishings and electrical goods are covered able, valuable work by a valuin attractive colours and pat-terns — this encourages the come back, Esther, love.

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Bruce Matthews

Plotter at end of the Street

Rupert Murdoch's News Interna tional who has died aged 71, relished his part in the secret plot to outmanoeuvre the print unions during the Wapping battles of 1985 and 1986. He never forgot his role and was proud of it. And when Murdoch pressed a red button and started the presses rolling in Wapping on January 25, 1986, detonating 200 hundred years of print union his tory, Matthews knew that ne had done more than most to make it bappen.

When the plot at Wapping was hatched, Matthews was Murdoch's most senior manager in London and although not the first to know of Mur doch's audacious plan, Matthews was in at the beginning. It was Matthews and Murdoch together who came up with a cover plan - the announcement of a new evening paper for London to be

RUCE Matthews, printed on a greenfield site, and coupled with the endless the former manag-unencumbered by traditional walkouts. disputes, and furi-ing director of Fleet Street's restrictive out rows with print-union practices. In fact, the whole idea was

part of what became known as a dash for freedom from Fleet Street. A spanking new newspaper factory in Docklands was prepared where this new evening newspaper would supposedly be printed; the factory was also canable of producing Murdoch's other four titles — the Times, the Sunday Times, the News of remembered quite differently now. Members of the print the World and the Sun. All that was left to be done was to

unions never forgave him the deceit of the Wapping Post. Indeed today there is a school If Matthews had his doubts of thought that had anyone about it, he kept them to himself. In pre-Wapping days, as other than Matthews been at the managing director of the helm and had there been

News Group Newspapers Ltd. more goodwill between News based in Bouverie Street, just off Fleet Street, in the ram-International and the print unions, then perhaps things shackle offices which housed might have been different and the Sun and the News of the World, Matthews looked perthe unions would eventually have agreed to new technology. After all there was no manently exhausted. He reported directly to Murdoch | great desire to stick with the

fathers, Matthews had to put up with pressure from the most demanding of proprietors. In spite of it all Matthews could be easy going and great fun and became close to several of the chapel fathers over the years. They in turn treated Matthews very often as no more than a so between it was a grudging respect they had for him. All that changed. He will be

> print room in Bouverie Street which was rat infested and dangerous. It is forgotten now that the print unions wanted to move to the new premises as long as they retained their old power.

Matthews worked for Murdoch from 1971. He was an expert on newspaper produc tion. He was the first ever Australian to complete an apprenticeship in rotogravure - the process of good quality



colour printing. He was 47 years old and had a senior job on the Herald and Weekly and honest than some Murdoch executives - partly be-cause he believed, like Murdoch, that he had been part of a revolution and that the story of it was owed to Times in Melbourne when Murdoch telephoned him and offered him a job in England. Nine years later he was on history. After the Wapping revolu-

the board of News Corpora-tion, Murdoch's main holding tion he never quite settled down — like quite a few company. I had two lengthy interothers involved in a Murdoch views with him when I wrote The End of the Street and he roller coaster. But he fell on his feet. He became independent chairman of the Satellite was more straightforward

sold commercial radio time. But there was nothing lik Fleet Street - and he missed it. There is one unforgettable scene involving Matthews

which I reproduced in my

Eric Malpass

HE writer Eric Mal-

pass, who has died aged 85, was an exam-ple of England neglect-

one time or another, his Morn-

novels

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sorry Tony", Matthews had said. It was not the only time he expressed unease. The plot had worked. But it was bru-Information Services tal. More than 5,500 people had gone on strike and were. profitable wheeze whereby elevised horse and dog races to be sacked for it and Fleet went directly to bookmakers He also founded a public rela-Street changed forever. For tions company and became the chairman of Sound Adver-Matthews it was hard not to look back and wish it had all been different.

tising Sales, a company which Linda Melver Bruce Matthews, newspaper ex

ecutive, born July 28, October 24, 1996

John Bauldie

Devoted to Dylan and the Wanderers

Matthew Harding and three other people, had two pas-sions. One was football and Wanderers; the other Bolton - his defining passion - was Bob Dylan. Indeed, it was their mutual love of the singer which first brought Bauldie and Matthew Harding together.

More than three decades of ineticulous research had made Bauldie into one of the world's foremost authorities on Dylan's music. He wrote several key books on him, ran a superb quarterly fanzine, the Telegraph, and was so valued by the Dylan organisation that they enlisted his help in compiling the Bootleg Series, the 1991 CD boxed set which unearthed such lost Dylan gems

as No More Auction Block and Blind Willie McTell. Yet there was nobody less like the stereotyped "anorak" than John Bauldie. A former lecturer in English literature, he was a dapper and cultured

OHN Bauldie, who was quest. With his inimitable erto haphazard world of rock Bob Dylan Book. He had i blend of scholarship and devo-copter crash along with tion, he elevated the often narrow world of fanzines to a difloved to mock his professorial ferent realm. He was never one to gatecrash Dylan's pripedantry. But he bore our ju-venile satire with weary fortivacy or to peddle in specious theorising. His vocation was tude. And when he laughed, he wept real tears, and his to amass the data and win for face turned such a shade of his hero the serious appraisal due to an outstanding 20th scarlet that we feared for the old fella's heart. century performer. Indeed he only met Dylan Nothing displaced Dylan in

his affections, but he was once, and that was by acci-dent. Following a US tour, he equally erudite on David Bowie, Bruce Springsteen was passing the singer's tour bus when the reclusive icon and, of course, his home-town boys Bolton Wanderers. Those sauntered out. The two men things apart, he loved to travel with his longstanding partner, held a brief and genial conversation, in the course of which Penny, and would invariably John won a much-prized en-dorsement for his magazine. plan his year around Dylan's interminable tour itineraries. A rather-old fashioned Lanca-"The Telegraph?" Bob murmured. "I seen a few issues of that. It's pretty interesting." shire gentleman, he cut a memorable figure at those gigs. You'd spot him, immacu-lately turned-out in his camel-hair coat, looking on with a That was all the recognition

that Bauldie required. In 1967, his teaching days behind him, he joined our small team at proprietorial air as he shared the newly-launched Q maga-zine as a sub-editor. For the his insights with fellow fans. John Bauldle's books innext nine years, he worked clude All Across the Telegraph. Wanted Man and, with Patrick Humphries, the wrylydiligently, buffing up our

House & Garden. And, just before his deplorable and, he was busy preparing a photo account of Dylan's 1966 world tour. John's was a valuable life, and not a moment of it was wasted.

Paul Du Noye

Roy Kelly writes: The Telegraph began as a slightly scrappy-looking fanzine issued by an organisation call-ing itself Wanted Man, the Bob Dylan Information Office. The first issue had a black and-white, home-made look about it that was entirely understandable given that the so-called office was John Bauldie's living room. This was in

late 1981. Over the years the magazine improved in every department: paper, photographic

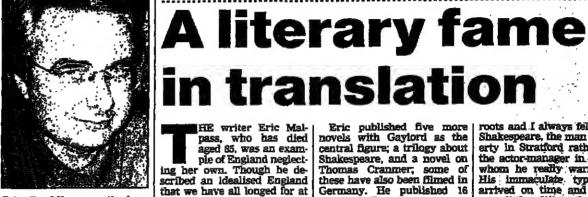
reproduction, computer-set-ting, and all technical aspects of production meant that The John Bauldle, music journalist, Telegraph began to look as

resistance, but Eric and the

then society secretary, Lance

Alderson, could see the poten-tial for bringing both the

was an initial suspicion and | knowledge was unrivalled.



John Bauldie . . . meticulous author and O stalwart

He wrote seven books, all of

countryside and wildlife.

ticular dog, the stories of long

and valleys.

a sister, Persis.

Philip Gilbert

aged 76,

rule

ings At Seven was modestly received in this country, but was a best-seller in Europe too moved from fans' response es to literary and historical reviews, contributions from particularly in Germany. Mornings At Seven, pubacademics such as Christo lished in the early 1960s, was a furny book for adults about a seven-year-old boy. Gaylord, pher Ricks and Dylan asso-ciates like Allen Ginsberg, at who was part of a family that lived in that timeless English a length unthinkable in 1981. I shall continue to miss him countryside which has promore than I can say, for the vided a home for the Larkins elcome he gave my writing in the Telegraph's pages, but also the hours I spent talking and Miss Marples of popular fiction. Thus did the federal republic's hausfraus take Gayto him on the telephone, ofter about the next issue, which lord to their collective bosom. now will not come again.

Apart from war service in the RAF, Malpass was with Barclays Bank in the Midi vears, con

Eric published five more roots and I always felt it was Shakespeare, the man of prop-erty in Stratford rather than with Gaylord as the central figure; a trilogy about Shakespeare, and a novel on the actor-manager in London s Cranmer; some of whom he really warmed to. these have also been filmed in Germany. He published 16 novels in all.

The Guardian Friday October 25 1996

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Aftermath of a revolution ... Bruce Matthews, a year after

News International's victory at Wapping, with

print leader Brenda Dean of

book. On the night that the

bumped into one of the impe-

rial fathers (shop stewards) of

the News of the World ma-

chine room, the only official who had negotiated an agree-

ment to go to Wapping. Mat-thews had seemed physically

shaken by what was going on

and seemed close to tears. He

had put out his hand. "Tm

strike started, by chance on a .--narrow back staircase in Bouverie Street. Matthews had-

I never saw Eric Malnass in anything other than a suit and tie. He was a gentle, kindly man with courtly manners, a deep, quiet voice, and unfailing consideration for other people. But I remember him over lunch becoming increasthe mayor of some German town in full regalia bearing ingly animated as he explained how he proposed to fill in the gaps in our knowledge bouquets of flowers. of Shakespeare's life. He had a deep affection for "Sweet Will" and that became the title

Michael survive him. of one of his novels. He was a lames Wright

fund of knowledge, even quot-ing from Henry VI, which I Eric (Lewson) Maloass, writer didn't think anyone read. He born November 14, 1910; died remained true to his Midland October 16, 1996

His immaculate typescripts arrived on time and needed very little editing, though he seemed to enjoy our good-natured agreements to differ on matters of interpretation; I know I did. His agent John McLaughlin remembers, during the filming of Mornings At Seven, his shy pride when they were met on arrival by

His wife Muriel and his son

rounded intelligence to his erary exactitude to the hith | entitled Oh No, Not Another | as Q and Mojo. The articles | 1949; died October 22, 1996

Eric Halsall World of sheepdogs



essential work of the dog and the skill and competition of the trials field to a much wider audience. As the series RIC Halsall, who has producers came and went, Eric remained the stalwart, died aged 76, was the reliable source of advice to voice of the television the programme and he played a key part in the difficult role of selecting competitors each series One Man and His Dog from its birth in 1975 until his retirement in 1990. A famillar figure at sheepdog year. trial fields up and down the country in his wax jacket and Eric campaigned for a

greater awareness of the im-portance of sheepdogs to the deerstalker and smoking his old pipe, he cared greatly for vhole farming community. the countryside and conserva-tion, but sheepdogs and sheep-Whatever other changes mechanisation has brought to farms, nothing can beat the skills of an intelligent, effi-cient dog for gathering sheep. In effect, the survival of hill farms depends on it. dog trials were his passion. I first met Eric at the English national sheepdog

trial at Leek in 1974, where we sat in torrential rain for two His passion for sheep and days engrossed in the

sheepdogs had grown around the industrial landscape of Eric was the course direc-Burnley, Lancashire where he was born and brought up tor, responsible for making sure that each competitor had and where he spent most of his life. Trained as a surfair treatment, but he also had time to give me a detailed insight into the skills being disveyor he became a farm manager for the National Coal Board's Lancashire farms. played by man and dog. It was immediately clear to me that He never worked sheepdogs he was a natural broadcaster. When the BBC first prohimself and unlike trial composed a series of televised sheepdog trials to the Internapetitors -- who may own up to six dogs at one time -- he tional Sheepdog Society, there only owned one, but his

ing stories to the BBC and magazines, one of which won the 1955 Observer short story competition. His first novel, Beefy Jones (1957), won the Italian Palma D'oro for best humorous novel

which brought out his love of sheepdogs and the country side, and for the last 36 years In 1966 he left the bank to write full-time. He was not a he had reported on trials for man to take risks but the gamble came off. Mornings At Seven was his second novel, the Farmers' Guardian. He was an active member of the and was well reviewed but did International Sheepdog Society and for a time was an offi-cer of that organisation. Benot sell in the British Commonwealth market. But in fore his introduction to Germany it stayed at the top television, Eric's voice was known to local radio listeners of the best-seller list for three years, until the rules changed. It has been published in more than 60 editions in 15 lanin Lancashire where he gave compelling talks on the local guages and was filmed in Germany, serialised on French Eric lived for sheepdog trials; any conversation with him always returned to television and broadcast across eastern Europe. sheepdogs - the folklore around the instinct of a par-

ago top men and top dogs. Eric was a warm and gentle Birthdays man who never raised his voice in all the time we

ager, 62; Dipak Patel, crick eter, 38; Helen Reddy, singer Michael of Hohenzollern, 54: Sir George Russell, chair worked together. He won the former King of Romania 73 man, Independent Television affection and admiration of the BBC team and of many Lt-Gen Str Henry Beverley. Commission, 61; Alan Smith 61; Henry Commager, histo-rian of America, 94; Juliet chief executive, Test and sheepdog men and their fam-ilies up and down the hills County Cricket Board, 60; Keith Taylor, chairman, Esso Fisher, dancer and teacher of contemporary dance, 55; Sir UK. 58; Galina Vishnevs He leaves his wife Rita, and Martin Gilbert, historian, 60; Jimmy Heath. jazz musician, composer. 70; Steve Hodge, footballer, 34; Michael Lawrence, former chief executive, Eric Halsall, sheepdog triat the Stock Exchange, 53; Michael Lynagh, rugby player. 33; Peter McHugh, di-rector of programmes. GMTV, gist, 78. commentator, born March 18, 1920; died October 21, 1996,

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German best-seller . . . Eric Malpass (left) receives a literary award from the mayor of Cologne

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who's dangerous. Have you ever been on a Great cufflinks. Where did slower elevator? you get them? • Don't you just love the way they fix the hash browns here Would you mind if I glanced at your newspaper when you're finished?

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Hot possum

HOW to Catch a Possum: Since all the recipes here in-volve possum, I figured it might be worth it to include a section on how to get your hands on one.

I know of several ways to catch a possum. Perhaps the easiest is to simply drive around for a while in your truck. The problem will soon resolve itself. (SCCRRREEECCHH!!... SPLAT). Much more fun. however, is to take your dogs and shotgun, and go into the woods and hunt one down. The ad-

vantage to this method is that you don't have to scrape the possum off the pavement. The

pellets in the meat. It is also possible to set traps to catch a possum, but this method is notoriously unreliable. Possums like to stay in the trees, and you're much more likely to catch something else. Possum and Taters: Ingredients: 1 young, fat possum; 8 sweet potatoes; 2 tablespoons butter; 1 tablespoon sugar; salt

disadvantage is that you do

have to worry about shotgun

Directions: First, catch a pos-sum. This in itself is excellent entertainment on a moonlit night. Skin the possum and remove the head and feet. Be from fire 'oven, slice, and sure to wash it thoroughly. Freeze overnight either outепјоу. side or in a refrigerator. When ready to cook, peel the pota-toes and boil them tender in lightly salted water along with the butter and sugar. At the same time, stew the pos-

sum tender in a tightly covered pan with a little water. Arrange the taters around the possum, strip with bacon. sprinkle with thyme or marjoram, or pepper, and brown in the oven. Baste often with the shots gin or moonshine, 1 pos sum --- if roadkill: make jam-balaya - if caught: proceed with recipe 1 pie crust sliced carrots & cabbage to taste. Directions: Cover a pan (or any implement you can put in a fire) with the bottom of your pie crust, and place the possum in it. Add the huckleberries and carrots, and shred the cabbage over it. Close up the pie and bake until the neigh-bors' dogs come sniffing around to see what the wonderful smell is, or until the fire department arrives (which-ever comes first). Remove pie

1 cup glazed huckleberries, 3

Redneck recipes at html:// www2.msstate.edu -brbl/ possum.html

Joint rules

THE person who rolls the joint (no matter whose weed it is) gets to spark up the joint and get first hits. After passing the pipe or bong around after taking your hit. always pass the

drippings. Possum Pot Pie: Ingredients: http://www.nac.uways.pass.me lighter with the pipe or bong, never hold it and forget about

If someone rolls a nice joint, it's good to give the person a compliment on his rolling skills. If someone starts bogarting the bowl and starts using the excuse that its okay for him to bogart it since it's his weed this is definitely not cool. If someone is too palsy to light the bowl (due to being too stoned or the person is just a retard) then they must relinquish control of the lighter to someone more able to get it lit. If you smoke with someone in your house, you should let them eat some munchy food

t unless the bowl is cherry.

you may have lying around. If someone who has smoked asks for a sip of your soda, you must give him some (dry mouth is not fun). (Note): if you ask for a sip, don't take a large gulp. else's weed being no good! If

Always remember to thank a person who has gotten you high. NEVER go to someone's house EXPECTING them to

there are exceptions to this starts to pedal, the meshing cogs lift the bike skywards. Ratches and latches ensure Do not, I repeat do not smoke your pet out if he is under 51bs. Because you do that it does not fall if the under 5105. Because you do not want to kill your pet, un-less it deserves to die, on which I can't think of a pet cyclist runs out of puff. They also control the descent once the cyclist has reached the top. The device meets Swiss safety standards and the in-

Only hope that you do not get too high and forget all the cti-quette you're meant to remem-ber. At www.comland.com/-cult/ettiq.html ventor claims it is "safer than riding a bike on the street." Great news for high fliers

High pedaller

get you stoned. Of course,

Stocker is patenting a bicycle with a difference — it travels vertically up a track as the rider pedals away. He hopes skyhigh cycling could be a new sport for daredevils. The SkyBike looks like an ordinary cycle but has an extra chain driven by the gears on the rear wheel. This chain drives a cog that meshes with a toothed track,

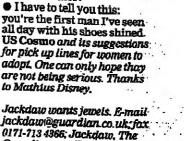
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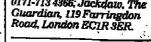
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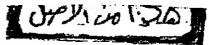
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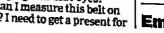
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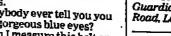
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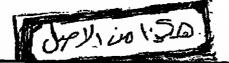
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£800 stock for nine million members as building society spurns bid protection in £10bn conversion Notebook

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INE MILLION savers and borrowers will receive about £800 worth of free shares next June when the Halifax launches the biggest ever UK stock market flotation at £10 billion. But Britain's home loan giant yesterday surprised the

City by announcing its route to conversion will involve a complicated reverse takeover, rather than a simple share issue. This will lift demand for the shares - pushing up the price even higher - because it leaves the society vul-nerable to takeover immediately after the sell-off. It also requires a higher proportion of savers to support the plan

for the sale to proceed. Normally, building societ-ies which convert to banks

are protected from takeover for five years. But Halifax chiefs insist the bank will be able to survive without legis-lative ring-fencing. The Halifax's £10 billion conversion to a bank will come in the middle of a year in which consumers will share a massive £24 billion following the sale of seven mutual building societies and insurance companies, The Alliance & Leicester

and Northern Rock in Octo-ber. Bristol & West will be taken over by the Bank of Ireland in July. And two mutual insurance companies. Norwich Union and Colonial Mu-

ing date of November 35 1994 tual, also plan flotations be-fore the end of next year. to qualify for a maximum alocation of free shares. They Over the next few weeks, Halifax members will be ad-vised to top up their accounts will be told how many shares they will receive in the soci-ety's transfer document, to their level on the qualifywhich will be dispatched with voting forms in February. The document will also give an indication of the price at which shares will begin trad-ing so members will know how much they will benefit from a yes vote. The society's decision to back into a subsidiary means that half its nine million in-

vesting members must now approve the sale for it to pro-ceed. With a simple flotation, only 20 per cent of investing members are required to vote. The reverse takeover allows the society to free up capital needed to expand the business by side-stepping provisions of the 1986 Building societies Act giving special rights to shareholders who were former society members

if the new bank goes bust. Halifax director David Gilchrist said; "What is called the Priority Liquidation Dis-tribution Right affects our

solvency ratio and constrains our use of capital for some years." However, by opting to transfer its business to a sub-sidiary, the Halifax will forego the five years' protec-tion from takeover provided by the Act.

Chief executive Mike Black burn said: "We believe such restrictions are neither neces-Edited by sary nor appropriate and that the Halifax should stand on Mark Milner equal terms with the other top 25 companies listed on the stock market." The final vote will be counted at a special general meeting to be held in late February in Sheffield.

The Halifax will provide its members with a free postal share-dealing service in the aftermath of the flotation. Mr records. Gilchrist said: "We will take steps to ensure supply matches demand and shares

trade in an orderly fashion in the days after the float." the full price of goods rather than the money actually received after allowing for

VAT ruling hits the public twice



ket. So, what are the pros-pects for its substantial overseas operations, not least its global network and its 58 per cent stake in Hongkong Celecom?

Telecom industry experts forecast that in the near future there will be just three global carriers — AT&T, Brit-ish Telecom and the Deutsche Telekom/France Telecom/ Sprint alliance each intend

one of the select group will probably be a Far Eastern, rather than American or European, operation. C&W is realistic enough to

know that it is unlikely to make the top three on its own — although it is already es-tablished in the Far East. That after all was why British Telecom was so keen to ac-quire it earlier this year.

C&W seems most likely to seek an alliance with NTT, the Japanese domestic phone group anxious to break into the international market when the local regulatory authority allows.

lecoms group, has plenty of money and a huge home market, while C&W feels it has plenty to bring to the party. However other big tele-

phone companies, including BT, are already beating a path to NTT's door.

affort on making a success of its enlarged British opera-

penalty. The money which has to be refunded will have to be raised from other taxes PHILIPS chairman Cor Boonstra was simulta-neously apologetic and robust as he delivered the

Yet it is unlikely that all the money handed back by the tax authorities will find its way to those who originally paid it, that is those who actually bought the goods on which VAT was levied incorcompany's third quarter

Phoning home

Sarah Whitebloom

learned

results yesterday. Though it might sound dif-But limiting the period for which wrongly charged VAT ficult to be both at the same time, it was also necessary. repayments can be claimed to Philips' past is not exactly free of unpleasant surprises three years would be unfair, all the more so in that the for shareholders, and yesternew rules are siready in day Mr Boonstra had to deforce, awaiting Parliament's rubber stamp. It is true that liver another in the form of a worse-than-expected profits there is a limit to the period alum

Delivering such news unb required serving out a dollop of reassurance that he was prepared to do something about it and Mr Boonstra obliged in no uncertain Surely there is a case here It is easy for Mr Boonstra to promise a root-and-branch approach to reform; he is a rela tive newcomer to Philips. joining from Sara Lee in 1994 and stepping up to the top job only this month. While Mr Boonstra's tough talk may have helped to ease the stock market's concerns they are certain to find themselves facing further legal battles — which will mean about the profits decline, it will have sent more than a further bills for the taxpayer. frisson of concern through the company's workforce. Mr Boonstra was clear; anything that cannot be turned round will be closed or sold. ABLE and Wireless's British cable coup in this week should not obscure its international an-There are hints, too, that the company will be looking to shift more of its production to lower cost locations. Philips has already said it will take a bitjons. The group, after all, has always been better known overseas than in Britain and, one billion guilder (£370 million) charge against restruc-turing costs next quarter. Unin the broader perspective, its merger of Mercury with three locking shareholder value is leading UK cable companies likely to be paid for in job merely secures its home marlosses too.



ment confirms a three-year cap on the period for which refunds can be claimed. Cab firm in It is not surprising that the Government should want to £10m fare Government should want to ascertain (and limit) the ex-tent of its liabilities. Current VAT challenges — in the un-likely event of the Revenue losing them all — would lead to claims running into billions of neurone First on a to stock market

billions of pounds. Even on a more realistic basis the pub-OMPUTER Cab, Lonlic purse is likely to suffer don's biggest black taxi company, is heading for a stock market float that could value it at fairly heavily. It could be argued that taxpayers will suffer a double over £10 million, writes lan

The Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, which owns Computer Cab, said yesterday that it was considering a listing on the Alternative Investment Mar-ket as a means of paying for a new satellite-based comrectly.

munication system. The association, set up in 1968 by a group of London's cab drivers in response to the growing number of minicabs, will decide whether to go ahead with the float next month after a meeting of its 5,200 for which the Customs and Excise can demand unneid members If the se can

ESTERDAY'S European Y Court of Justice ruling against HM Customs and Excise could cost up to £200 million in VAT repay ments, provided those compa-nies affected by the decision have kept 23 years' worth of The cost of the court's decision - that the Government was wrong to charge VAT on

discounts or cash-back deals - falls to £70 million if Parlia-

NTT, the world's largest te-

The danger is that C&W will miss the opportunity as it concentrates management

Philips' frisson

ing to succeed. But the analysts say that

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the cabbies will not receive VAT - but that is six years, any of the proceeds, as the unless fraud is involved. money is required to fi-nance the satellite technoltwice the proposed limit on repayment periods. ogy now being tested in 16

Announcing the deal, Pri

mark's chairman. Joseph

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down the gauntlet to Reuters, pledging that the joint ven-

for equal treatment. If Cus-According to Computer toms and Excise believes six Cab, the system, in which it years is the appropriate has invested £7.5 million, period for which honestly unshould let it allocate a job to paid VAT can be collected, the closest taxi within 10 the limit for those seeking seconds of receiving a telerestitution should be similar. phone order. If the tax authorities con-

tinue on their present course

Councils turn screw on Morgan Grenfell

Roots said yesterday Morgan Grenfell's results had been first clas

Led by Norfolk County OCAL government trea bility for hundreds of mil-lions of pounds of pension funds — are done pension Council, the seven English shire authorities and Scottish regional councils which have funds - are demanding answers from the troubled funds with Morgan Grenfell have called on the firm to asset management arm of Morgan Grenfell about its secomplete a detailed question-naire about its internal concurity and systems in the wake of the Peter Young af-fair, the Guardian has trols. The councils also want their auditors to carry out a site visit as part of the review. It is understood that a num-The withdrawal of the auper of metropolitan authori thorities' pension fund busi-ness would be a devastating blow to the asset management firm, which already faces losties, including the London Borough of Lewisham, are

planning to join the group. Morgan Grenfell admitted last night that the councils ing Westminster City Coun-cil's £200 million mandate. are conducting an inquiry. A The council's investment spokesman said it has not yet "We are confident that we will respond positively, he committee has asked other fund managers to tender for the work — although the city's chief executive Bill added."

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Rebel directors Taxpayers face paying for National to be forced Savings off Emap board fraud and bungling

Hoskyns target for anger after summit in Monoral at country hotel. lan King reports

> R John Hoskyns, the Chairman of Emay and former adviser to Bar-oness Thatcher, is likely to face calls for his resignation after news last night that two rebel directors are to be forced off the publishing group's board.

In a statement issued after a day-long board meeting at a country hotel in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, Emap said an extraordinary general meeting would be called abortly to remove Professor Ken Simmonds and Joe Cooke, who opposed a controversial change to Emap's articles of association during the summer. City Institutions, which

backed Sir John when Emap pushed through the changes, reacted furiously and indicated that they would take the matter up with the company. They said the rule change, which enabled Emap to

remove directors from its board more easily in disputes, had only been backed by shareholders because Sir John had given "certain assurances" about why it was being made.

One fund manager told the Guardian last night that Sir John had made clear at the annual meeting earlier this year that the rule change | to 7121/2p.

would not be used to remove Prof Simmonds and Mr Cooke. He added: "I am not particularly happy at this news, and I would be sur-prised if many people will be.

NATIONAL Savings is today accused of bureaucratic bungling, after the National Audit Office uncov-Certain assurances were ered serious weaknesses in given that it wasn't to get at the body's accounting system. certain people, and it would seem that impression was Parliament is warned that the Government's savings wrong.' organisation, which safe-The corporate governance

consultancy Pirc — which backed the rebels at the agm guards investments worth nearly £10 billion, is increas ingly vulnerable to fraud and accused Sir John of having "misled" shareholders. errors, for which taxpayers

Anne Simpson, Pirc's joint managing director, said that if Sir John had not assured might have to pay. Concerns arose after an audit revealed that the total of customers' balances were 22.1 million more than the ap-parent total of cash held in NS institutions that the rule change was not being made to force out Prof Simmonds and accounts. Mr Cooke, he would not have

Teresa Hunter

Auditors were also alarmed received their backing. She added: 'The institutions will that two accounts, which should have shown a credit, be dismayed to find that the assurances they were pro-vided with have been were overdrawn - by £37 million and £28 million.

Figures reflecting sums de-posited and withdrawn over dishonoured." Sources close to Emap last Post Office counters do not alnight said that the company had attempted to "draw a

ways tally. The National Audit Office line" under the row between the rebels and Sir John, and said the pair had been will call on National Savings to put its house in order as a top priority. NAO chief Sir John Bourn

removed very reluctantly. Al-though Sir John and his colsaid: "These weaknesses im-pair the agency's financial acleagues — including chief ex-ecutive Robin Miller — had pair the agency's infancial ac-counting systems which sup-port the production of accounts for Parliament and make it difficult to establish sought a reconciliation with Prof Simmonds and Mr Cooke, the patience of all the other directors had finally precisely the total liability of "snapped", making yester-day's decision inevitable. Earlier, uncertainty over the Exchequer to National Savings investors."

The NAO stressed there was no evidence of similar the row wiped some £66 million off Emap's market value, problems in the way savers accounts were administered. sending the shares down 32p

Americans throw gauntlet at Reuters for £200m business

which is regarded as the clear | ICV managers own some market leader in the informa- | 10 per cent of the company. kan King tion sector, but which lags be-HE fight to control the hind ICV in the share quota-

tion business. £200 million business of supplying City dealers with share price information intensified yesterday when ICV, which has a 60 per cent market share, was sold to American group Primark for \$100 million (563 million). The deal is being paid for in a mixture of cash, shares and

Primark, which owns Datastream International, also announced an agreement jointly to develop a compre-hensive new information system in association with the American wire service Dow

Iones Telerate. The new service, which will be available in Britain and Ireland by next summer, is

loan noies, and will give ICV's existing shareholders ture between Primark and Dow Jones would be the best an 8 per cent stake in the ennews, price quotation and inlarged Primark group. In particular, it means a windfall for ICV's chairman, formation provider available. Reuters spokesman Michael Cooling said the company welcomed competition, Christopher Sharples, who is and promised that Primark would not get an easy ride. the former boss of the Securities and Futures Authority.

He said: "Datastream, Te-lerate and ICV are already ex-Mr Sharples, whose family trust owns a 54 per cent stake in ICV, worth £34 million isting competitors of ours, under the terms of the deal, and we shall wait to see how will also join the main Pri-mark board, while ICV's chief executive, David Jones, sees a

they bring it all together. Reuters has been investing at the rate of around £200 million a expected to provide tough £10.7 million price tag put on year, and we shall continue to competition for Renters, his 17 per cent stake. Other invest heavily."

Alleged BP 'fixer' in Colombia named

John Palmer in Brussels

DRITISH Petroleum's Balleged "inside man" government was named in the European Parliament yesterday. Ramon Marino was said

by Richard Howitt, Labour MEP for Essex South, to be one of a number of former and current BP employees inside the administration "to smooth the agreement

of environmental permits". Mr Howitt's claim formed part of a string of allega-tions, all of which are denied by BP. He told the par-liament that BP was age of people protesting complicit in human-rights against oil pollution in the abuses and environmental Casanare region to the Co-of protected forests."

damage in Colombia. MEPs | lombian army. It alleges responded to Mr Howitt's that a number of the protesters were then murdered or "disappeared" and gives claims by calling for the Colombian government to publish the human rights

commission report upon which some of his allega-tions are based. But Anne McIntosh, Tory MEP for Essex North and Suffolk South, accused Mr Howitt of waging a campaign against one of Britain's

largest employers and mak-ing "completely inaccurate allegations." The report — which BP says consists of unchecked answers to loaded questions - accuses the com-

details of seven such murders. Mr Howitt told MEPs; "I believe environmental damage is being inflicted on the people of Casanare as seriously as the evidence

exposed in this parliament of Shell's action against the Ogoni people in Nigeria. "Local people told me of fish floating dead in pol-luted rivers and livestock

blinded from grazing on poisoned fields. BP's own officials admit weekly oil spills, illegal sites, water contamination, chemical overflows and the invasion

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The Guardian Friday October 25 1996

Regulators need better advice, **CBI** insists

Celia Weston dustrial Correspondent

RIVATISED utility regulators should have permanent expert advisory boards but should not be merged or replaced by a single "super regulator", the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday.

The employers' group also confirmed its opposition to Labour's plans for a windfall

regulation came the day after the Government failed to in-

engaged in a fierce campaign engaged in a herce campaign against price controls pro-posed by the gas industry watchdog. Clare Spottis-woode, while decisions by

other regulators have also come under fire. Peter Agar, CBI deputy di-rector-general, said: "Regulation has unfortunately be-come rather individualised and personalised, which is why we want the advisory boards. But we don't support imposing another layer of bureaucracy

Nor would the CBI support changes to the regulatory pricing formula that broke the connection with the Retail Price Index. "The RPI minus x' percentage price cap pro-vides strong incentives to efficiency for the utilities and brings benefits to consumers," Mr Agar said.

Advocacy of consumer in-terests — individual or industrial — should also be business to impose retrospec strengthened through the cre-



the general election. The discussion paper, drawn up by a CBI working group, which included utility representatives, says it is necessary that decision-making by regulators be more transparent and accountability to

ation of separate, indepen-dent bodies for each of the utilities. These should be sim-ilar to the Gas Consumers Council, which is statutory and funded by Government, Mr Agar said Some con-

Mr Agar said. Some con-sumer bodies were too much

under the wing of regulators.

Speaking at the launch of a

Parliament strengthened. A quick and simple system for industries to appeal against regulators' decisions should be introduced, in addi-

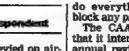
tion to the system allowing companies to trigger refer-ences to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission.

merger control were also needed, the paper said. The CBI hoped, however,

that a windfall tax would not be introduced. "It is not good



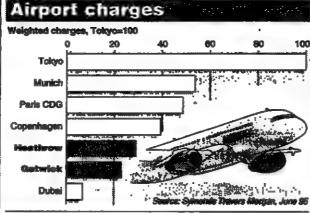
Explicit government guide-lines on social obligations and



HARGES levied on air-lines by operator BAA for the use of Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted airports must be cut by £150 million over the next five years, the Civil Aviation Authority But BAA will be allowed to increase charges by 70p per passenger over two years to compensate for revenue losses if current European Union duty-free and tax-free allowances are withdrawn. News of the price cap deci-sion coincided with reports that the Government is to

abandon plans to privatis Britain's air traffic control service this side of an election. Labour had ple

formance to ensure the group was carrying out the capital investment programme on which the authority's price cap decision was based



Most of that expenditure — £180 million by March — will go towards Heathrow's pro-

landing charge increases at Heathrow and Gatwick to three percentage points below inflation — the RPI-3 formula. Stansted will be allowed to increase its charges by up to one percentage point above nflation each year.

The price cap, due to come into effect in April for five years, is in line with the recommendations of a Monopolies and Mergers Com-mission report published in July.

rector of BAA, said the price cap was challenging. It as-sumed the group could

achieve 4 per cent productiv-ity savings each year and a 15 per cent reduction in construction costs over the

• THE European Commis-sion is expected to press for lower airport charges, Julie Wolf writes from Brussels, Transport commissioner Neil Kinnock said yesterday that Brussels was concerned that the airlines faced high costs, including airport charges. The costs include ground handling fees, air traffic con-trol and airport charges, he

Unveiling a report on air-line deregulation, Mr Kin-nock said the commission Liberté would present legislative plans to ensure that airport

cost

THE struggle for control of bankrupt French airline Air Liberté is turning into another battle between British Airways and Rich ard Branson's Virgin.

regional airline, is exp to submit a bid for the French airline today. The prize is a clutch of lucrative landing slots at

Paris's Orly airport, and a foothold in Europe's larges domestic air travel market. French court-appointed administrators will meet

Air Liberté workers' council this afternoon to discuss the takeover proposals. BA has submitted a joint bid with Banque Rivaud,

which would involved pumping 800 million france (£98 million) into Air

The BA proposal has ten tative union support because it will preserve 1,250 jobs for three years. PHOTOGRAPH: REMY DE LA MALIVINI

CI ADMITTED yesterday it had been battered by price falls in its key industrial chemicals division as it an-

chemical prices

ICI hit by dip in

profits for the nine months of £127 million, due mainly to the housing recovery. But Sir Ronnie Hampel ICI's chairman, admitted that the disappointing perfor-

which includes Dulux and

Philips threatens closures to arrest profits fall

posed new Terminal 5. The air industry regulator said the overall price control will require BAA to keep

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Airports told to cut charges by £150m do everything possible to block any proposals. The CAA also announced that it intended to publish an annual review of BAA's per-

million, against £248 million for the same period in 1995. But ICI insisted that the main areas affected --- polyester and titanium dloxide were showing signs of recovery, even though prices had been sharply lower during the quarter. **Overall ICI's pre-tax profits**

nounced a collapse in third-

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for the first nine months of 1996 — not including one-off - fell from £758 milfactors lion to £498 million, despite a rise in sales.

Apart from the disappointing chemicals results, which had been largely expected by the City, ICI — which before its demerger with Zeneca was regarded as the beliwether of Industrial health - said its other businesses were enjoy-

ing better trading. Among these, ICI high-lighted its paints division — | OK, but it is in industrial chemicals that they have been creamed."

mance in industrial chemi cals had been the main factor in the overall results. "While failure as chief there is evidence of strength-ening demand in the OECD, confidence is still lacking, takes blame, particularly in continental Europe. The pace of activity remains uneven and no sig-nificant change is expected before the end of the year." In the City, analysts reacted with relief that the results had not been as had as some Bannister

had not been as bad as some forecasters had expected, and man of the Philips electron-ics group, announced steeply failing profits, a ICI shares closed 18p higher at 793½p. Peter Blair, an analyst et costly restructuring and job losses. His predecessor Salomon Brothers, said: "Their results were at the low Jan Timmer, who retired this year, started his reign end of expectations, but there as chairman in equally dra-

was no surprise in the mix. matic fashion. Most areas are reasonably OK, but it is in industrial But yesterday's news,

MOR taken by Mr Timmer was thought to have put the Dutch electronics group back on the path of growth. Mr Boonstra disclosed third-quarter profits down 77 per cent to 123 million guilders (£45.2 million), de-spite a 4.6 per cent upturn in sales, and announced a one billion guilder provi-sion in the fourth quarter to cover wholesale Mr Boonstra disclosed writes Nicholas HERE was an air of dējā pu yesterday as

cover Boonstra, chairto wholesale restructuring. "There are no taboos, no holy cows," he said.

The group said the down-turn was mainly the result of operating losses in its consumer and professional product divisions and ower margins in componeuts and semi-conductors.

market, or to price erosion. or to competition, but we have a different message We, the management, are onsthle." He said the group would tackle problems more ag-gressively, with the aim of setting more done with

wer people. "We will turn around close or sell businesses that are not performing to our standards or fitting into our portfolio."

He said the group in-tended to restructure all its main divisions. The group has already made an 800 million guilder provi-sion this year for restructuring its sight and sound

division which followed a profits warning earlier in the month, seems all the worse very, very disappointing to "There will be a loss of jobs"

our new seats.

high-cost and a gaining of jobs in those geographical areas which offer lowercost labour. It's a fair guess to say more jobs will be lost than gained in western

Europe." PolyGram, Philips' 75 per cent-owned music and films business, announced on Wednesday that it would be making a £56 million provision to cover a revamp of tts music business.

Dutch unions expect that Philips will shed another 2,500 jobs on top of the 1,000 already announced. One official commented: Boonstra is in a hurry.

Mr Timmer initially cut the workforce from 300,000 to 244,000 before allowing it to rise to 265,000 on the back of the then booming temi-conductor business.

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500 jobs at in clothier's revamp

FIVE HUNDRED jobs are at risk at William Baird - a leading supplier to Marks & Spencer and the owner of clothing brands including Windsmoor and Dannimac — after the company yesterday announced restructuring plans. The scheme in-volves closing three of the company's 34 UK factories over the Volves closing inter or the contrainty too bit intervaliant in an next 18 months and moving production to the Philippines and Sri Lanka. It is planned to sell off peripheral parts of Baird's business and smaller brands such as Berketez — leaving hun-

dreds of other workers in an uncertain position. The shake-up, ordered by Baird's new chief executive, David Suddens, is expected to wipe out the company's 1996 profits. In the six months to the end of June, the group turned in pre-tax profit of £5.1 million, against £8.4 million in the same period last year. -- Sarah Whitebloom

Price stops new jobs measure

PLANS for a new survey-based measure of unemployment have been abandoned on the grounds of cost, the Government confirmed yesterday. Despite mounting criticism of the claimant count yardstick, the Cabinet has decided against adopting a Buropean-style monthly survey — at an 28 million set-up cost. The Government is to retain the quarterly Labour Force Survey, and a spokesman for the Office for National Statistics said that efforts would be made to speed up the publication of its findings. "Details on part-time working, 'discouraged' workers [people who have given up the search for work] and the position of men and women could all be released earlier," the official said. He said no changes were expected until late 1997. — Richard Thomas.

Profits rise at Deutsche Bank

DEUTSCHE, Germany's biggest bank, yesterday unveiled a 9 per cent rise in aet profit in the first nine months of the year, led by commissions. Net profit rose to 1.53 billion German marks (9530 million). Operating profit, before taxes and after risk provi-(biso minion). Operating pront, before taxes and after risk provi-sions and trading income, rose 25.8 per cent to 3.49 billion marks. Both figures were below analysts' expectations. "We expect that the positive profit trend will continue into the fourth quarter," chief executive Hilmar Kopper said. --- Bloomberg

Vickers workers strike

WORKERS at a factory where the Challenger tank is built are to stage a 24-hour strike today in a dispute over pay and conditions.

stage a 24-hour strike today in a dispute over pay and conditions. Members of four unions at the Vickers Defence Systems factory in Leeds fear a loss of earnings under a restructuring plan. The unions rejected a 3 per cent pay offer to accept the restructuring, but claim that the company has taken the first steps towards imposing the changes. Dick Croft, regional officer of the AEEU, said said: "This should be a time for celebration in the company following the recent MoD approval for our Chal-lenger II battle tank, but instead we're embrolled in this dispute with a management who refuse to listen to us." The company declined to comment on the dispute.

Shorts hires more

SHORT Brothers, the Northern Ireland plane-maker, sald it would hire 120 workers to speed production of advanced composite materials needed to make aircraft parts at two plants near Belfast. Shorts makes airframes for Bombardier's corporate and short-haul passenger jets as well as parts for other aircraft.

Hotels flotation pulled

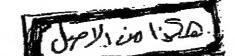
PRINCIPAL Hotels, the Harrogate-based group, has fallen victim to waning demand among City institutions for hotel stocks. The company's backers, led by NatWest Ventures, yesterday pulled a planned £100 million-plus flotation, which would have been this year's sixth new issue in the hotels sector.

year's sixtn new issue in the notels sector. There was speculation that the company might follow Lonrho, — which last month pulled a float of its Metropole and Princess hotels — in seeking a trade sale. However, a source close to the company said: "The chances are we'll look to float this time next year." - Dominic Walsh

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Cigar still looking full of puff

Chris Hawkins in Toronto catches up with the super horse

sear and a total of \$9.5 million in his career, runs for the 33rd and possibly last time in tomor-

to put on a match race between Cigar and the Arc de Triomphe winner Helissio; so thempile while heresto, so keen, in fact, that \$10 million has been talked of as the pot to tempt the horse's owners, Allen Paulson and Edouard TAT Sarasola, into a world cham-

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"A match over 10 furlongs on dirt would be a nice way to go out and, if it comes off, it would be in the next 30 days ar so," he said. "But I'm not too deep into

it. We'll talk after the Breeders' Cup. If everything works out, then you never know. Hollywood Park and a lot of American tracks would like to put a race like that together, but I don't know whether they could come up with the same sort of money." Bill Mott, trainer of Cigar, is expressing no opinion of wear and tear. His foot is about what might happen always a potential problem, 1.5% $\gamma_{\rm Me}$ next - he's just concentrating on the job in hand. Wearing his familiar white

"Cigar" baseball cap, wind-this week is to stay focused on cheater and blue jeans, he the race ahead and avoid get-

image portrayed by British trainers and his approach is the super horse IGAR, winner of very much hands-on. He led Cigar out yesterday and walked him all the way from his barn on one side of the Woodbine track to the paddock behind the grand-stand on the other.

stand on the other. It was quieter over there and as he walked round the tree-lined paddock, Cigar had possibly last time in tomor-row's Breeders' Cup Classic in Toronto. I say possibly because the Japanese are extremely keen of the media circus having only his rider Gerry Gunther,

been hoodwinked. Every now and then Cigar would stop, prick his ears and turn his head to look at some-thing which had attracted him. The low-flying jets swooping into land a mile away at the airport did not bother him one hit and ho a bother him one bit and he ap-pears to have a bomb-proof temperament.

Paulson already has more of the green stuff than he knows what to do with, but yesterday admitted that he likes the sound of the Japa-nese offer and is giving it every consideration. He has the haughty look of someone who knows he's special and physically he still has great presence. His body is hard and muscular and his coat shone on a dank, cold morning.

There is no outward sign that he is no onward sign that he is on the decline — despite two defeats in his last three races — although that is the whisper among the Amer-

ican press. "He's a six-year-old and has been on the go a long time," said Mott. "There's no one race that I would say has bottomed him, although the Dubai World Cup was really tough. It's just been a long, long campaign with a fair bit always a potential problem, but at the moment I'd say he's

security guards. as well and as strong as ever. "What we're trying to do What he attempts tomorrow

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takes." After his paddock who, when pressed, said: "I stroll, Cigar trotted and can think he'll win — he's just too tered the wrong way round the dirt circuit. good."

But in racing you can never take anything for granted. When Cigar's 16-race un-His arrival at the stabling area caused media mayhem, and not a little upset to other beaten run finally came to an end in Del Mar in August they said he knew that he'd lost because he wouldn't eat esser equine mortals who had never seen so much But it is all old hat to Cigar. his mince afterwards. Let us

The protective bandages were whipped off his legs and he stood like an old sheep to be hosed down and then led away to his box in barn 14, while an old sheep to be hosed down and then led away to his box in barn 14, while an old sheep to be at his words. • Britain's sole Breeders' Cup Sprint challenger likta-mal will wear "toe grabs" tomorrow to give him extra grip on Woodbine's dirt sur-face. He tried out his new outside which there are three has never been achieved. No borse has won the Breeders' Cup Classic twice. That does

Story with a happy ending coming out on top in a des-perate finish to the Voda-

fone Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury yesterday. The Michael Stoute-

trained colt travelled smoothly throughout and appeared as if he could pick off the leaders when asked by John Reid. But he was forced to pull out all the stops to get up and defy Royal Amaretto by three-parts of a length.

them all covered two out but when it came to the crunch he had to dig deep,

He'll make up into a very nice three-year-old and the Guineas is a possibility." Reid added: "He's a horse with a lovely action but that ground is too soft for two-year-olds and it nearly found him out."

ESERT Story will be ager to owner Maktoum Al ing last of the eight run-aimed at next year's Maktoum, said: "The ners. But the in-form 2,000 Guineas after ground is very sticky out oming out on top in a des-there and John said he had treble, courtesy of Bowtreble, courtesy of Bow-cliffe Court. The Puzzler and Za-Im to take his score to 12 winners in the past

two weeks. At Nottingham, Kieren Fallon picked up a four-day ban for making insufficient effort on Dato Star in the closing stages of the St Anns Maiden Stakes. "I found him out." The well-fancied Show-hoat proved a rare reverse and should have finished third by to two and a half miles could

Cheltenham. Any lack of race-sharpness

Chepstow despite his rider dropping his whip. Big things are expected of Call Equiname (4.10) over fences this season, and the six-year-old hardly put a foot wrong at Chemstow Accinst wrong at Chepstow, Against the likes of Buckhouse Boy and Plunder Bay he is un-likely to find it as easy today,

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dominate this weekend's racing, but there is a tasty little jumps programme at Newbury today with some leading names — past and present — on show. David Nicholson can get off to a flying start by winning the first two races. Flat recruit Circus Star (2.10) will have been thoroughly schooled, and Mytton's Choice (2.40) could still be very well handicapped after a runaway victory at Chepstow. runaway victory at Chepstow. The five-year-old was returning after a lengthy ab-sence and was having his first outing for the Nicholson stable when going in by 11 lengths. This is a better race, but Mytton's Choice looks a

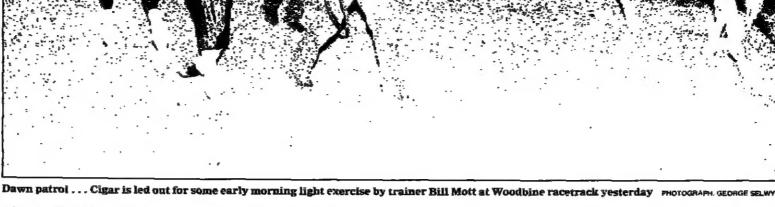
much-improved performer. Paddy's Return (3.40), winner of last season's Tri-umph Hurdle, has frightened away most of the opposition in the Newbury Autumn Hurdle. He is reported in great shape for his comeback, but it is a little worrying that trainer Ferdy Murphy has dispensed with the blinkers which Paddy's Return wore at

could be exploited by Alltime Dancer, who was not beaten far in the Free Hurdle at

but he is clearly a chaser of

considerable potential. Although the handicapper





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Soccer

Shearer's surgery opens the door for Asprilla

an Ross

ALMOST audible roans from St James' Park and Lancaster Gate, Alan Shearer vesterday slipped into a nursing home and out of football for up to eight weeks.

The world's most expensive footballer underwent corrective surgery on the damaged right side of his groin yester day morning, only five months after having identical treatment on the left side.

Though the England cap-tain is expected to be fully recovered in mid-Decembe and has been pencilled in for Newcastle's league game at Nottingham Forest on the 9th. ne will miss games of signifi-



would need an operation," be cance for club and country. said. "This is obviously an unfortunate situation for both He will definitely be absent November 9 when England's World Cup qualifying Newcastle and England." Shearer, of course, viewed the situation philosophically. programme resumes in Geor-gia, and before then his loss gia, and before then his loss will be felt keenly on Tyne 'I felt some twinges about side when he sits out the second leg of Newcastle's Uefa three or four weeks ago and

visited a specialist, who con-firmed I had a problem. The Cup tie against Ferencyaros pain had been getting worse during recent games and was really bad after Sunday's of Hungary on Tuesday. He could miss nine games for the club who invested £15 million in him this

"Alan has been suffering but we have to get on with it. Don't forget that we almost won the league without Alan last season and scored goals from a slight groin strain since the end of Euro 96 but specialist medical advice informed us that he would be able to play on until the end of the season," said Newcas-tle's manager Kevin Keegan. before he came.

sence and we intend to make But the problem worse during Newcastle's emphatic sure we are still top when he 5-0 win over Manchester comes back Shearer's natural replace United on Sunday. "He aggravated the injury

ment at club level is Faustino Asprilla, the Colombian interduring that game and so we decided to act quickly," Kee-gan added. "He will be out for national who moved to England in a £6.7 million deal last six to eight weeks, which is obviously a blow for us in the eason

Keegan's championship race. However, Asprilla's failure to win a regwe have to believe we have got a squad deep enough and ular place in Newcastle's first team has seemingly reduced his effectiveness on the field good enough to compensate." Keegan's assistant Terry and affected his discipline McDermott said: "We have away from it.

tried to nurse him through it but Alan knew in himself he Two weeks ago Asprilla failed to return from an interago Asprilla national fixture in Ecuador England's coach Glenn Hodon time and on Wednesday he dle admitted he had received was, at best, lacklustre after prior warning. "I spoke to being recalled - to replace Shearer - for the League Cup win against Oldham Athletic. Alan on Tuesday and he told me there was every chance he



could not carry on."

Hartin Thorpe

the reserve game, although he denied doing so. His pre-RON ATKINSON and Gordon Strachan were let off relatively lightly yesterday for misde meanours which included Strachan's refusal to leave the pitch after being sent off in a reserve game. A three-man Football

sociation Commission in Birmingham fined Straconduct. chan, Coventry's assistant manager, £2,000 for the incident on August 29. against West Bromwich Al-Though this is the heaviest blon was the more serious

vious good record likewise saved him from heavier punishment. Atkinson and Strachan were let off another charge of misconduct during Coventry's game against Chelsea on August 24. They pleaded guilty and were warned about their future

Strachan's refusal to be reported for gesticulating sent off in the reserve game

towards the linesman. The Commission con The Guardian Friday October 25 1998



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USHTAQ Moham-mad, the Pakistan IV I team manager, may have been amazed by the calmness of Hasan Raza as the two sat side by side in the Iqbal Stadium pavilion, with the 14-year-old due in next at number five. But the Zimbabweans would not have been surprised. After all, they had al-ready seen the batsman take a nonchalant half-cen-tury off them in their three day match against a Board XI at Sahiwal before the first Test. However, even they could not have been prepared for what was to follow in the second Test

here. When Selim Malik was third out some 40 minutes before the close, the youn-gest ever Test player, having taken his time as he collected his gloves, bat and helmet, proceeded to stroke four sparkling boundaries in an unbeaten 20 out of 114 for three as Pakistan took control against Zimbabwe. Raza shared in an unbro-ken fourth-wicket stand of 47 with the opener Saeed Anwar in the final session to ensure Pakistan did not waste the earlier efforts of their fast bowler and cap-tain Wasim Akram, who took six wickets as Zimbabwe were dismissed for only 133.

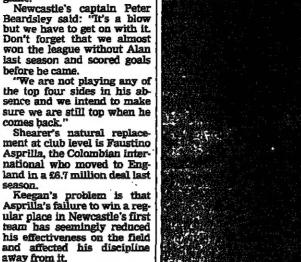
There were four balls of Bryan Strang's over for Raza left to negotiate after the fall of Salim's wicket He did so with the ease of an old pro, not a young on who is still at school. He then removed his helmet and drove Strang for four in his next over.

Mushtaq, whose record as the youngest Test player -15 years and four month had just fallen, in-structed his young charge to play his natural game. What he never expected to see in his wildest dreams was the 14-year-old nimbly skipping down the pitch to pull Strang's wrist spin and then hit him over the top

to the referee officiating in | the pitch. It was during this the reserve game, although | break that Atkinson had a go at the referee. In the Chelsea game both men had been upset when a goal for the home team had been allowed despite a deliberate and clearly visible handball by a Chelsea player. The referee Paul Danson and a linesman ussed the incident, and an

angry Strachan ran on to the pitch. Atkinson was

sisted of the FA disciplin



fine imposed by the FA this season, the figure might have been much higher but for the player's previous record of only two dismissals in more than 850 games.

incident. Having been ary committee chairman booked for dissent, the Geoff Thompson, the Football League president and FA councillor Gordon player was then shown the red card by the referee McKeag and the FA Coun-cillor Maurice Armstrong. Tony Green for using abusive language.

Atkinson, the Coventry Strachan refused to go, so Strachan admitted after-manager, was fined £750 the referee stopped the wards: "I got a very good for using abusive language game and led the teams off and fair hearing."

History student . . . Hasan Raza, the youngest-ever Test player, began with a boundary in Faisalabad

de Velde (Fr). 81 D Chopra (Swei); 1 Gar-rido (Sp) Retired: R Allenby (Aus). PLAYERS' CHAMPIONSHIP (Gold Coast, Aus): Leading Brst-round scores (Aus untess stated): 65 C Spence; J J Weet (US): 67 S Laycock, J Cooper 69 S Tall, 69 R Backwell; D Boxlet (HK); E Rus-tand (US); S Losney; T Christie NC), 70 C Jones, P Tomasinon (US); A Painter; B Hughes; R Pampling.

STUTTGART OPEN: Third round Gastafason (Swo) bt M Woodlarde (Au 6-7, 6-2, 7-6; B Beatar (Ger) bt T Enqu (Swo) 6-4, 7-5; A Agassi (US) bt R Ren borg (US) 6-4, 6-2; J Siemeriak (Noti) A Furlan (US) 6-2; -4; G Nealberto, (Cr bt T Marin (US) 5-2, 6-4; P Sempris (U bt F Marini (US) 5-2, 6-4; P Sempris (U

bt R Krajicsk (Neth) 6-4, 6-1. WOMER'S TOURNAMENT (Our First rowsk B Schwitz-Hickarthy bt S De Ville (Bel) 7-8, 6-2; M Arean bt R Singason (Can) 6-0, 6-7, 6-4. 8 roweds R Calless (Bel) bt A Frazi-

round: E Callena (Bel) bi A Frazier (US) 3-6, 8-2, 6-4: Rainaond (US) bi D Gra-ham (US) 7-5, 5-2; F Labot (Arg) bi P Hy-Bordials (Can) 7-5, 6-3: T Whitinger-Jones (US) bi J Nejediy (Can) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.

WORLD SERIES: Atlanta 6. New York 8 (10 Inns. series tied 2-2).

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for four. A small crowd of around 4,000 were well aware that they were witnessing cricketing history. They noisily applauded Raza all the way to the middle and went wild when he made his first runs PATRICK EAGAR for four off Strang.

Shipperley picks Palace

HE striker Neil Shipperley yesterday rejected a per sonal plea from Terry Venables, Portsmouth's director of Southampton lately." football, and signed a four-year contract with Crystal Palace. Terry Fenwick said: "I'm dis-

Venables tried to persuade Shipperley to choose Fratton Park but the 22-year-old for-mer Chelsea and England Portsmouth will now offer £1 million for Middles-brough's transfer-listed Nor-**Under-21** international agreed terms with the Palace manway striker Jan Aage Fjortoft. ager Dave Bassett and completed a £1 million move to Selhurst Park subject to a £58,000 from Peterborough for their former central defender Steve Welsh, an international medical. He is expected to make his debut against Grimsby tomorrow. transfer tribunal decided in

Bassett said: "Nell has got Glasgow yesterday. Partick his whole football future in wanted £150,000 and Peterborfront of him and that is why we've signed him on a four-The 21-year-old Manchester

Southampton | year contract. He has Pre-Neil Shipperley | miership experience and is a | has joined Bury on a month's high-quality player whose oploan. portunities have been limited Sky provide live coverage of the Coca-Cola Cup third-round replay between Portsmouth's manager

Arsenal and Stoke on Novem-ber 13 and of the fourth-round appointed. We knew he was derby clash between Middles speaking to Palace and I was hoping Terry would be able to brough and Newcastle on Nopersuade him to come to us." vember 27.

• The Argentinian referee Javier Castrilli, dubbed "lawman" for his hard-line ap proach, sent off a player for celebrating a goal and disallowed what appeared to be an-other during a penalty shoot-out, won 7-6 by Santos of Brazil, which decided their South American Supercup quarter-final against Colom-bia's Atletico Nacional in the Colombian city of Medellin.

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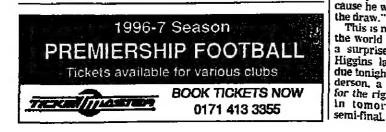
Bennett better part-time

Clive Everton In Bournemouth

Snooker

HEN Mark Bennett, a sociable Welshman, decided a year ago to buy a betting shop and play snooker part-time, it was as-sumed he would slide gently down the ranking list. But vesterday he beat Tony Drago 5-1 to reach the semi-finals of ried this morning when my the Grand Prix here, the second of the season's 10 world-ranking events.

he reached the quarter-finals Despite his considerable talof the German Open and ent Bennett, 33, was not suited to full-time snooker. Day after day he would play brilliantly ended the campaign ranked 42nd, He came to Bournein practice at Cannons in New-port but then spend the rest of tice in six weeks, yet beat the



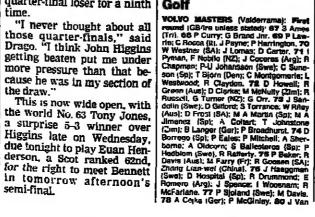
his time either enjoying him-self or worzying about his next Steve Davis, now ranked 10th, match. His temperament was before making breaks of 65, 52 But Bennett, who is

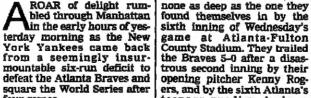
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and 45 to take a 3-0 lead over Drago, ranked 14th. A crucial black-ball win then opened up two matches away from pock-eting a £60,000 first prize, a 4-0 margin. Drago's break of 72 ac-counted for the fifth frame looked relaxed yesterday. "Tm in such a good frame of mind that it wouldn't have bothered me if I had lost 5-0," he said. "I wasn't even worbut the volatile temperament of the man from Malta, attempting to reach his first world-ranking semi-final, car broke down and I had to ask a friend to get me here." undermined his performance and Bennett won on the pink in the sixth, leaving Drago a In his first part-time season

quarter-final loser for a ninth time. "I never thought about all those quarter-finals," said Drago

getting beaten put me under more pressure than that because he was in my section of the draw." This is now wide open, with the world No. 63 Tony Jones, a surprise 5-3 winner over Higgins late on Wednesday,





four games. The Yankees, all but counted out after they were thrashed in the first two games of the series, eked out icit in a post-season game and even after the Yankees manan 8-6 victory in the 4hr 17min marathon, the longest game in World Series history.

Baseball

lan Katz in New York

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ROAR of delight rum-

themselves out of holes, but

The top of the Yankee batnone as deep as the one they found themselves in by the ting order had been dismissed in short order in the seventh sixth inning of Wednesday's inning and Atlanta had called up their brilliant 100mph clos-ing pitcher, Mark Wohlers.

Yankees back from brink after longest game

But New York have been a team of improbable heroes. A little after 12.20am, with five outs separating his team from a 3-1 deficit in the best-ofteenage prodigy Andruw Jones had added another. seven series, the reserve No Yankee team had ever catcher Jim Levritz sent a come back from a six-run defsloppy Wohlers pitch soaring

towards the perimeter. Jones ran up the side of the outfield wall but could not snag it. Since two Yankee aged to hustle three runs in a chaotic sixth inning, their

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All season the Yankees | cause seemed all but | players had been on base | lanta would have to return to have specialised in digging | hopeless. | When Leyritz hit his homer, | Yankee Stadium at least once the score was suddenly level at 6-6.

By the time the two teams took the field for an overtime 10th inning, both managers had used almost every player on their rosters.

The winning runs, which came off a walk and a chip by Charlie Hayes that should have been caught, were not pretty but they turned a fine game into a classic. The win meant that the

Yankees have won every game they have played on the road during the 1996 post-season and also ensured that At-

Sport in brief

Badminton

more after the fifth game in Atlanta last night.

"Everybody was writing us off and wondering whether they [Atlanta] were going to win in four or five games," said the Yankees' relief pitcher Jeff Nelson. "I don't think they ever thought we'd be going back to New York." The Yankees' pitching ace Andy Pettitie, who was pun-ished in the first game of the series and removed after less than three innings, was due to start against Atlanta's John Smoltz in last night's

by League Salford w witches

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Cricket

game.

Anders Nielsen, twice an English national champion, has had to give up hopes of a top-level comeback and has retired to take a job in the City, writes Richard Jago. The 29-year-old from Surrey ceased competing in April after failing to qualify for the Atlanta Olympics and had a

NATIONWEDE LEAGUE Pirst Divisions Barnsley v Bolton (7.45). Third Division Cambridge Uct v Concessor (7.45). PAN NATIONAL LEAGUE Pressier Div Islom St Patricks Alt v Bray Wides (7.45). Shelbourne v Denry C (7.45). knee operation instead. Boxing Tommy Morrison, the former world heavyweight champion, will fight next month for the first time since he tested positive for HIV. Morrison, who won the WBO title by outpointing George Foreman in 1993, has signed a contract to return to the ring in Tokyo on the undercard of the Foreman-Crawford Grimsley

The promoter Frank Warren beiseves that his World Boding Council champion Robin Reid will have too much firepower for his rival Heavy Wharten, the Common-weath Champion. Reid and Wharton could contest an ell-British super-middleweight the clash next spring and Warren de-clared yesterday: "I shink Robin will knock him out." fight. Promoters are considering the Oklahoma City fighter Anthony Cooks as his opponent, and if Morrison is cut the fight will be stopped and the time.

thim out." Reid woon the title in italy earlier this month and Warren added: "Robin rises to the occasion. The better the tighter put in front of him, the better he will be, Robin needs the challenge, he is tooking to unity the super-milder titles and i thick he has the capabilities to do it. He is the future of British booling and he can become a mean Boxing Union, formed in December 1994, will stage its INC 3 Dreat this country tomorrow when midfield.

Neary's home city." Derbyshire are aiming to strengthen their team by signing the batsmen Nick Speak and David Hemp.

the Liverpool light-welter-

weight Shea Neary faces the American Darryl Tyson in

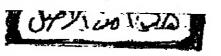
Hemp, the 25-year-old former England A left-hander, has rejected a new contract with Glamorgan and Speak has been released by Lancashire. Basketball

The Samoan international Frankie Edwards has joined the Birmingham Bullets to add height to their inside game. The 26-year-old, who has played in the United States, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Portugal, is 6ft 6in - an inch taller than the American forward Todd Johnson, who has been released.

> Glanville, still troubled by a knee ligament injury, has withdrawn from tomorrow's Paul, fit again after a shoulder problem, returns to

Rugby Union The Bath captain Phil De the verdict will be awarded to European Cup match against the fighter ahead on points at | Dax at the Recreation Ground he time. The British-based World avoid elimination. Henry

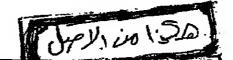
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due tonight to play Euan Henderson, a Scot ranked 62nd, for the right to meet Bennett

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Robert Armstrong on a measure of rapprochement by the top clubs that should preserve use integral of a should preserve use in the should preserve use integral of a should preserve use in the should preserve us

Christmas interna-(English Professional Rugby I Union Clubs), which repre-sents clubs in Courage Leagues One and Two and last month persuaded players to boycott an England training ssion, said the players would session, said the players would not be released for RFU div-isional games against touring sides and domestic opposition. The England coach Jack Rowell will therefore have a ing rights would be pressed free hand in selecting his vigorously, perhaps with the

 NGLAND will have team for forthcoming involvement of an independent arbitrator.
 disposal for the pre-Christmas interna Argentina. Players contracted
 pressure on the England man-choice teams for these Argentina. Players contracted to Epruc will also be available for England squad sessions. Donald Kerr, chairman of Epruc, said yesterday that a breakaway by the leading clubs after this week's break-down in talks with the Birt agement, which must pare down an unwieldy squad from 46 to 31 within the next fortnight as they prepare for the flaly game on November 23. Rowell may now feel en-couraged to name his captain. Tony Hallett, the RFU's sec-retary, hinted that divisional down in talks with the RFU was not on the Epruc agenda. He insisted, though, that the clubs' demands for greater selectors may consider playcontrol of their own competiers in Leagues Three and tions, revenue and broadcast-Four as well as reserve-team players in the upper leagues for games against Queens-

choice teams for these matches and leave it up to the players to decide," Hallett said. "If they decline our invitations, we will re-select until we put 15 players on the pitch. We'll find alternative venues if we need to."

He said representative call-ups to England's senior, A and student sides would "soak up" most leading players, thus creating an opportunity for lesser-known talents. Epruc's decision not to use

from a position of strength and unity. He suggested that Twickenham, by putting its latest offer directly to the clubs, was counting on their commercial insecurity to win their acquiescence. forced by the players' representatives, who have shown marked reluctance to become embroiled in English rugby's power politics. Epruc will rely instead on the threat of

Wheeler added: "One per-son stopped the signing, and if the RFU's internal fighting ended we could be in agree-ment. I am talking about Cliff Brittle [chairman of the RFU around the performance of the RFU legal sanctions to pursue its goal of independent control of club competitions at home and on the Continent. Peter Wheeler, Leicester's chief executive and an Epruc negotiator, acknowledged executive committee]. It is astonisbing that one person can wield such power." that the financial vulnerability of some clubs made it diffi-

aggression to a softly-softly approach indicates a lack of heavy artillery in the lower reaches of Leagues One and Two, where most clubs face cash-flow problems. It seems the clubs are run-ning out of fresh options now

that the RFU has gone public with its proposed contract which involves the disburse-ment of £18 million among the clubs over the next 18 months. As Hallett suggested, agreement between the war-ring factions may be just The significant shift in | round the corner.



Ames off to protect Allenby

Bob Dwyer drops Underwood for Leicester's European excursion and would have done the same to Campese. Eddie Butler reports

The man putting new stripes on the Tigers

OB DWYER should not be a good talker; he looks too mourn-The mop of dark hair is sprightly enough but the large spectacles and bushy moustache combine to give him the lugubrious air of someone resigned to live with a career in decline.

Four years after winning the World Cup in England, Dwyer's Australia were dumped out of the 1995 tour-nament by England and the coach was relieved of his duties. Having taken his team into the South African experience as run-around favourthe wrong end of a Rob Andrew drop goal and the wrong side of the inquest. Australians and New Zea-

landers have an inbuilt yearning to do their OE, their Overseas Experience. About 30 years later than most of his compatriots, Dwyer set off last autumn for Paris, to coach the utterly unpredictable but undeniably glamorous Racing Club de France.

By Christmas he had dropped their stars Laurent Cabannes, Laurent Bénézech, Xavier Blond and Denis Charvet at least once. How could he change attitudes if they did not bother to train? Only Franck Mesnel listened and turned up to practise alien flat-back moves. However, the conversion of the veteran midfielder did not save Dwyer. Racing first halved his contract, then said adjeu as they headed for Division B. Now Dwyer has come to England to coach Leicester: utterly predictable, undeniunglamorous. For flat-



row, Martin Johnson, Deano. like an England and Lions 11.02am and finished it 37 series of initials – JR, DS, able to play a bandling game where the timing of the a lot of opposition to his selection. In this later. One question BT, AM, a squiggle, then DC because of the rain is garbage. And have you ever seen it rain in portant in the face – liter "I like to see youngsters. I'd The maul. Dwyer is the coach of the most boring team in the And have you ever seen it rain in Fiji? It throws it down and world. But boring he is not, and his capacity to shock remains. Yesterday he dropped Rory Underwood for the first time in his Leicester Ben Tune, Allstair Murdoch, somebody else; they were all office at Oval Park, Oadby, hunched in his long stock-"So, how's it going, Bob? ally in the faces — of the de-fence. But it can also relate to they never drop a pass. led to one answer. man's coat. The heating in the He would not have picked ahead of Campo. But [and "And talking of passing the broader picture, like the and I know you're going to ask me about Leicester being keep the scrummage straight temporary structure had not come on. On the wall was fur-David Campese for the cur-rent Wallabies tour of Europe here he began to scratch out the initials) he's picked at cencareer, just a month after the boring — did you know that we put together a passing movement against Leinster which could not have been better executed by anyone in You had to let him follow his the subar of the subar of the subar of the subar of the better executed by anyone in better executed by anyone in You had to let him follow his the great Campo whom Dwyer had protected through-out the wing's brilliant, turther evidence of substitutions wing was ignored by England. tre, he's injured, he's not for the spoken word. The magnet board was jam-packed with messages in coloured considered. Dwyer believes Underwood's "So Campo's back. No duties as an RAF pilot are hampering his rugby and has decided to give the teenager Leon Lloyd his chance in-stead for tomorrow's Euroreason why not. Britain brings out the best in him. Difficult to hampering his rugby and has decided to give the teenager Leon Lloyd his chance in-stead for tomorrow's Euro-pean Cup assignment in France with the hard men of Pau. "Td like to see an Eng-land and Lions winger play bulent career, which brought ----**Ice Hockey** Tennis **Rugby League** Salford winger Jaded Sabatini **British squad** given a switches codes calls it a day German accent last lap to Rio **Vic Batchelder** Gesterday announced injury which has troubled the glamorous Argentinian day agreed to allow the coach to retain Senior for the as well as a stomach-muscle injury which has troubled the glamorous Argentinian throughout 1996, causing her to miss Wimbledon and WO Canadian-born play-ers in the German league Paul Fitzpatrick remainder of the tour. The Eagles player had forced his way into the Test team in Fiji earlier this month but then struggled to are in a 31-strong Great Britworld tennis, bringing to ATA SINI, the Western an and a career which earned her a £6 million forain squad named by the coach Paris, have precipitated her retirement at a relatively Peter Woods for three crucial Olympic qualification Group A games to be played in the tune in prize-money alone over the past 12 years, yet she departs with her talent largely unfulfilled. The sixth-highest moneyearlier age of 26. "I have made this deci-sion after a long and well thought-out analysis," cope in last Friday's first Test defeat by New Zealand in Auckland. next eight weeks. With the selection of the former Nottingham defence-man Darren Durdle — called Sabatini ... rich talent league cinb. The 26-year-old Sini — he is Tony Smith is in hospital with an arm infection, so Sabatini said yesterday, "out of which has arised winner in women's tennis Graf in a stirring final of up for the first time - and the the US Open in 1990. In all, history, her decision came my strong desire to pursue

David Davies at Valderrama

S ROBERT ALLENBY A winged his painful way back to Australia yes-terday having struck the silliest shot of the season, the news from the course, so far as he was concerned, was mixed. Allenby, currently third in the Volvo rankings. desperately wants to stay there to improve his chances of a US Masters invitation, and after the first round he would have liked the look of the leaders.

Stephen Ames, who is not a threat to anyone, returned a four-under-par 67 and Paul Curry and Gordon Brand jni were a stroke behind. But none of the three men in a position to displace the Aus-tralian — Costantino Rocca, Lee Westwood and Andrew Coltart, who are fourth, fifth and sixth in the Volvo rank-ings — obliged with a high score. Rocca is jointly fourth on 69, Westwood jointly 11th on 71 and Coltart far from out of it, on a course as difficult as this, with a 73.

Colin Montgomerie is also on 71, the best of the superstars. Severiano Ballesteros took six at the short 12th for a 74, and Ian Woosnam took five at the short 3rd, broke his putter and, with a 76, finished oint 52nd in a field of 65.

Whether Woosnam's club came apart in a fit of temper s a moot point. Observers say that on the pathway from the 5th green, which he had just three-putted, to the 6th tee the Welshman aimed the putter head at an acorn and, in keep ing with his round, missed. The club snapped but the rules say that if it was not broken in anger he was entitled to replace it. As he fin-ished the round putting with one-iron, one can only assume his intentions towards the acorn were malicious.

As Woosnam began to get he hang of putting with this

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like to see the second-grade and development teams at Leicester play before the first team, so I can see what's coming through. Let them have a game and then stick them on the first-team bench. Never mind the condition of the

pitch. When did the pitch come before the players?" The Tigers' coach scrib-bled, scratched and talked on, his mournfulness only a disguise, for he was animatedly plotting the brightest phase of his career structure.

Sailing

Bob Fisher

Head winds hit

Golding on the

unorthodox instrument he had four threes in a row from the 12th, two of them birdies at the 18th and 14th. So impressed were the crowd by this putting prowess that when he teed up at the short 15th, some 226 yards long and over a jungle-filled ravine, he was urged: "Take your putter, Woosie." He grinned and smacked a three-iron to 15 feet.

Ballesteros confessed that the 12th was "a big, big hurt". He was one under at the time. He never saw his first tee shot, so far right did it fly, and he missed the green with his second as well. He took another six at the long 17th. the controversial hole that he designed. Going for the green with his second — which was "too much risk," he admitted ******************************

- he ended up in the greenside lake. Ballesteros thinks the hole is "spectacular, the trade-mark hole for the course, beautiful and great for the Ryder Cup". But he would, wouldn't he? Most of the rest think the band of rough that runs across the fairway at good "drive" length is ridicu-

lous, the green is too narrow and the shaven banks of the lake are unfair. They would, wouldn't they? Besides the main struggle,

three men are fighting for the Rookie of the Year title. All have won tournaments this year and the Dane Thomas Bjorn leads Padraig Harring-ton (Ireland) by £4,000. Ray-mond Russell (Scotland) is a further £15,000 behind.

Yesterday Harrington (69) was two strokes ahead of Bjorn and three of Russell. This was largely thanks to his first professional hole-in-one. It came at the 3rd, 173 yards long. The Irishman hit a seven-iron which pitched eight feet from the hole and bounced in.

Immediately behind the leaders — and likely to be a day after Group 4 in reach-ing the finish — Andy Hind-ley's Save the Children and Richard Merriweather's Commercial Minion are Con-Golf Volvo Masters Commercial Union are con-tinuing their close battle. It News and Reports took 24 hours for Save the Children to gain two miles 0891 567 967 on her rival after Merriweather and his crew CALLS COST 50P PER NEW MON-FR. 844-6PM had drawn level from 15

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Samoa and Salford Reds winger, has switched codes to play for Llanelli in what represents a double dis-appointment for the rugby

. . out of contract, so no fee was involved — made a signifi-cant contribution to Salford's successful First Division championship campaign and will be difficult to replace. Andy Gregory, the Salford Coach busy trying to expand his squad in readiness for the Simon card

Super League season, said a satura that the club were bitterly disappointed to lose the Rayer but "simply could not match Llanelli's offer". Sini, who scored two tries

for Western Samoa against England in the 1995 rugby mion World Cup, was with the rugby league club for 14 months. After a slowish start, the tries came regularly and he finished the season with 15 as Salford secured promotion

Ruger Cris as Salioru secured promotori to Super League. Great Britain have recalled the Shaffield Bagles centre Ketth Senior to their tour party. The 20-year-old was one of 12 players to be told they were being sent home as an RFL cost-cuiting measure by the chief argentium Mailby the chief executive Mau-. rice Lindsay on Tuesday.

Phil Larder, Lindsay yester- than \$275,000 up until 1998.

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senior is one of three other players, along with Leeds's Adrian Morley and the Brad-ford forward Bernard Dwyer, abruptly, with no plans to play even in selected tour-naments or to undertake a

not expected to be involved in farewell tour. However, Dave Check-

"Now I'm here I have got to make the most of it, knuckle

home.

this morning's second Test. "I have got mixed feelings about staying," said Senior. "It was a big disappointment to be dropped from the Test etts, the president of New York's Madlson Square Garden, declared that the opening night of the Corel WTA Tour's Chase Champi-onships there on November team because the tour had gone superbly for me until then. But after that I was looking forward to going

Normal service resumes for relieved Becker

the development of other activities."

was halled as the player most likely to challenge Germany's Steffi Graf. But

the highest world ranking she achieved was No. 3 in

down at training and hope to force my way in." Smith, the Castleford half-**D**ORIS BECKER yesterday moved a step nearer qual-tiying for a place in next month's ATP World Champiback, is hoping to be in con-tention for the third Test in Christchurch a week today after having his infected arm onship in Hanover, which he won last year, by producing drained yesterday. Lindsay had decided to call more than a third of the squad home with only the two his most convincing perfor-mance since injuring his right wrist at Wimbledon in June. Tests remaining. Halifax Blue Sox have an-

nounced a record sponsorship deal with Computacentre lee Lindsay on Tuesday. However, after speaking to which will net them more found it virtually unplayable

vice points, and the sixth seed | shows I have broken through

built on this fiery opening to win 6-4, 7-5 and reach the quarter-finals of the Eurocard Open in his home city of Stuttgart. Becker was determined to take the game to Enquist rather than becoming in-

the problems with the wrist. I surprised myself how well I played; I feel some pain, but as the tournament goes along it feels better and better."

on the women's tour. She also made an esti-

mated £13 million from a with lottr's chase champ-onships there on November 1989, 1991 and 1992, and perfume bearing her name, 18 would be "Fareweil she won only one Grand Modelling clothes in fash-Gaby Night". Sham title when, for once, ion magazines and other problems with motivation she did get the better of endorsements.

December 18, having already drawn away, they would progress to the final qualification tournament next February,

EAD winds have slowed the progress of the lead-ers in the BT Global Challenge. Mike Golding's Group 4 made only seven miles towards Rio de Janeiro in two hours yesterday afternoon and still had 85 miles to go. At that rate she will not cross the finish line until after midday

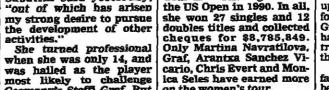
local time today. Golding and his crew will have one thought to comformer Humberside forward Graham Garden, the squad pensate them for the extra hours they will spend at sea: the boats behind them are in similar conditions has only 12 British-born and trained players, including three of the four netminders. Unbeaten in five matches so and are not closing the gap. Group 4 was still 40 miles ahead of Simon Walker's Toshiba Wave Warrior and far. Britain are three points behind Switzerland, the lead-

ers, but have a game in hand. Victories over Slovenia at Sheffield on November 13 and a further 26 in front of Holland away on December 12 would see them regain first place, and if they then beat Switzerland at Sheffield on Chris Tibbs's third-placed Concert.

from which five countries will go to the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano.

Olympics in Nagano. SQUAD: Hetmindern Horrison (Basing-schej). Lyde (Cardiff, Foster (Newczstie), O'Geunor (Mottingham). Defences Strachae (Basingoluc), Durdle (Er-baran, Berlin). Cote (Brachnell). Nope (Cardiff). Thompson (Guildford). S Cooper, Lindery (Marchesan). Disa (Newczstei), Waghorn, Bishop (Notting-ham). Marzsten (Paisley). Forwardes Coewszy, Little, Priost (Basingoloke). I Coeper, McEwren, Meris (Cardiff). Chikas, Lengatziff, Hand, Cramiloo. Pionamer (Sheffield). Garden (Begger-dorfer). Mergan, Tali, Huni, Aday (Nottingham). miles astern. Hindley reported: "All through the night CU and Save were never more than three miles apart, constantly monitoring each other's progress by radar."

Andre Agassi and Chile's Marcelo Rios joined Becker in the last eight. Agassi beat his Wrist at winneedon in June. His serve is back near its awesome best; certainly Sweden's Thomas Enqvist found it virtually unplayable on the German's first 14 ser-match since Winbledon, It Krajicek 6-4, 6-1.



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Allenby strikes it rich for charity in golf's great bonus-ball farce

David Davies reports from Valderrama

IT MAY not have been the shot that was heard around This charade was deemed ecessary under the rules of the - more of a tiny tap with a three-wood — but the sound will surely which told the Australian to make a 25,000-mile reverberate round the halls round trip from Melbourne of the headquarters of the PGA European Tour at if he wanted to claim the bonus money that goes Wentworth, Surrey. Robert Allenby yesterday hit the most ridiculous shot with this season-ending tournament. Allenby is unfit to play

ever struck in golf when, in order to claim he had "com-peted" in the Volvo Mas-ters here, he hit a gleaming new hall some 40 yards down the first fairway and severe pain after still in breaking his sternum in a car crash. "It feels," said, "as if someone has planted an axe in my chest." But rules are rules. promptly abandoned his The bonus money was im-

cause he is short of the odd £73,000 - indeed he imme-European Tour, diately announced that the money would be given to two charities, the Challenge Cancer Support Net-work and the Teenage Cancer Trust needs to finish as high as possible in the Volvo rankings in order to earn an invitation to the US Masters;

he currently lies third. So, when he realised that the Tour was serious, he got out of his sick-bed, popped a few pain-killers and flew back. "I was portant to Allenby, not be- dreading any turbulence," he said, "and anyone driving me in a car has to be very careful not to brake sharply.

He said the doctors did not know how long his recovery would take, but he remains optimistic. "The week after I'm fully fit," be said, "I'll be back in a tourt. And I'm going to come back bigger and bet-ter than ever. I came close to death and that sets your mind racing. Life's too short not to give it your absolute best.'

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prove one's malene dispose towards off the field hostility". Vincent Hanna r TOOK courage for Lorraine Merson and Sheryi

Gascoigne to speak out about the violence done to m. But no one should believe that they are isolated cases. It is a sordid secret in competitive sport that imma-ture men do stupid and criminal things. Create a world where violence is part of the culture, and the weak are sissies. Pour a few drinks.

Make sure that by being manly" you objectify and de ride women, or as Mr Merson put it: "All you've ever been to me is a pathetic little insect, crawling around my feet and getting in my way." Have a few more drinks. Beating up

the wife is easy then. Many have escaped detec tion because of the bond of silence that binds battered wives to the embarrassed manager. Things only get awkward when the team is eatened

Take Gazza's case. He assaulted Sheryl on October 13. Three days later he atoned by kicking Winston Bogarde of Ajax and was sent off. We had the usual tear-streaked apol-ogy about being a disgrace. Then he added: "I think I took the domestic problem into the natch with me."

Notice his priorities: the public concern was about the face of football — he could be ounished for that --- not mes ing up Sheryl's face. No doubt he is sorry for hitting Sheryl but the cost of hitting a foot-baller always will be higher.

made the point by painting a vagina on the tackling dummies. Merrill Melnick, of New York University, argues that "aggression on the field, sexist language in the locker_____ room, an inordinate need to

But wait, I hear you say, wife beaters are disturbed im-mature creatures, not like you and me. "That's not true," says Professor Rebecca Do-bash, Professor of Social Research at the University of Manchester and an authority on domestic violence. "They are normal people who take their feelings to extremes. They do it because in large are the violence reinforces their need to control, and there is usually little or

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Coming clean

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no cost to them." Athletes respect control. Every player wants it. You have heard boxers, fast bowlers, baismen sav: "I owned him; he was all mine Psychologists point out that men who need to dominate on ponents to raise their self-e eem often have a problem with domestic violence.

But it may take a tragedy to highlight it. The effect of the O J Simpson case in the US was traumatic, partly becau the details were horrific but <u>mainly because O J was a true</u> national hero. Everybody wanted to be like O J. He could not be dismissed as a freak. As many dismiss Paul Gascoigne So in the US they have

begun to talk about it. Bonnie Flynn runs a shelter in Fort Lauderdale for abused women. Sportsmen go there openly to discuss family vio nce as a part of their lives. Miami Dolphins players have been telling how their mothers were abused and how they in turn assault women. It has made a big impact.

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